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Clarke warned of votes threat

Worried Tory MPs demand lower taxes

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

■ Tory activists fear that tax rises from the two 1993 Budgets will cause the party irreparable damage when it has to face the voters later this year

KENNETH Clarke last night faced anxious demands from Conservative MPs for tough new public spending curbs to salvage the Tories' reputation as the party of low taxation.

Treasury admissions that the average family's tax burden is about to become greater than it was under Labour in 1979 provoked a wave of concern among party activists who fear the impact on local and European elections.

In spite of his fierce defence of the past two Budgets, the Chancellor was given blunt warnings that he and the Government would pay a heavy price unless the policy was swiftly reversed.

Mr Clarke said that no responsible Chancellor could say that taxes never went up, "but what I can say is that taxes will always be lower under me than they would be if you replaced me with either a Labour Chancellor or Liberal Chancellor".

His claims were [illegible] derision by Labour. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said the Conservatives were "making the biggest tax demands in history".

More alarmingly for Mr Clarke, senior Conservatives warned that the Government's low-tax, pro-family credentials were under grave threat. One 1922 Committee executive member said: "This is far more damaging to us than all the scandals. This will be remembered by our natural supporters long after the recent ministerial resignations have been forgotten."

With Tory MPs across the political spectrum voicing worries, there were signs that many were ready for a rerun of the internal party battle last summer over the balance between tax rises and spending [illegible] ed £50 billion budget deficit.

John Townend, chairman of the Conservative backbench finance committee, said: "From now on all the emphasis must be on cutting expenditure. It is absolutely imperative to get taxes down. The spending ministers said last summer than it would be more politically damaging to cut spending rather than put up taxes. Now the chickens are coming home to roost. We have got to start pulling these increases back. If we lose our claim to be the party of low taxation, we lose a critical electoral asset."

The Reigate MP Sir George Gardiner agreed: "The British public expects the Tories to cut taxes. Unless the government gets back on this track we will pay a heavy price."

Party officials are expected to prepare briefs for Tory MPs backing Mr Clarke's assertion yesterday that comparisons with the last year of a Labour Government are misleading. But the Government has been put under renewed pressure by its own figures, teased out through a series of Commons questions by Harriet Harman, the shadow Treasury Chief Secretary. One calculation shows that the typical family will pay an extra £12.50 a week in tax from April.

Mr Clarke, interviewed on BBC TV's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, said: "At the very end of the Labour Government they did actually get tax down below where we are at the moment, but that was one of the most irresponsible things that Denis Healey did in the run-up to the election.

"In ordinary circumstances, Conservatives always have lower tax than Labour would have in the same circumstances." He added: "And if you had a Labour Chancellor now, taxes would be much, much higher — if you believe what they say about wanting to spend a lot more public money, as they frequently do."

The storm, two days before another Commons vote on VAT on fuel, was set off by the Treasury disclosure that a couple with two children on average male earnings will pay 21.9 per cent of their income in tax and national insurance from April, compared with 20.9 per cent in 1979.

But Mr Brown released new figures which he said proved that the tax take would rise every year under the Tories to 1998-9, increasing to 38.5 per cent of income — more, he said, than in any year of Labour government.

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Esmia Brkovic, right, and a friend lay flowers where mortars killed her children

Muslims call for Nato air strikes on Serb gunners

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BOSNIAN Muslims yesterday called on Nato to launch air strikes against Serb gun positions above Sarajevo, the capital. At the same time the outgoing United Nations commander attacked his UN political masters bitterly for creating "a crisis of confidence and purpose" in the country.

The appeal for air strikes came from Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, after six children were killed in a mortar attack only a few hundred yards from the UN Protection Force headquarters in Sarajevo on Saturday. Bosnian Serb commanders deny having fired the shells.

In a letter to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, also sent to Manfred Wörner, Nato's Secretary-General, Mr Silajdzic demanded: "What more must happen before UN resolutions are implemented?" Ejup Ganic, the Bosnian Vice-President, also called for air strikes in a letter to President Clinton. At the Nato summit this month, Mr Clinton backed the use of air power.

Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, the Belgian commander of the 12,000 Unprofor troops in Bosnia, who is leaving through exhaustion, said yesterday that politicians were denying Unprofor the means to carry out its mission. In an angry parting shot, he said: "There is a fantastic crisis now because the politicians are writing and voting I don't know how many resolutions, but we have no means to execute them."

Speaking after a farewell reception given by the Bosnian government before he hands over his command today to Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, a former SAS chief, General Briquemont said: "You cannot solve Bosnia's problem only with resolutions, but with action, and for action you need the means to conduct it." He also called for a reassessment of the UN civilian chain of command, which was preventing Unprofor from reacting quickly to attacks by warring factions.

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, said yesterday that he was confused about France's position on further military action in Bosnia. "I don't know what the French have in mind. They seem to have some new ideas," he said. Mr Christopher is to meet Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, in Paris today. M Juppé has been consulting European Union partners and urging a new initiative in Bosnia.

The Pope, in a speech on the Roman Catholic Church's international day of prayer for Bosnia, edged towards support for military intervention to stop the bloodshed. A senior Vatican source said the Pope would support "precise, proportionate and perhaps demonstrative" military action to stop aggression if all else failed.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday that there was a reluctance to use air strikes because it would mark "a fundamental change" in UN strategy in Bosnia and halt the humanitarian aid mission. Asked about possible withdrawal of British troops, he admitted that a pullout would lead to more civilian deaths.

However, interviewed on London Weekend Television's *Walden* programme, Mr Rifkind said: "If we came to the sad but undeniable judgment that the UN presence was actually prolonging the war, then obviously the course of action we would have to follow would then become much clearer."

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Mortgages will increase as well

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

MOST home owners will face higher mortgage bills from April, despite the half-point cut in interest rates announced just before Kenneth Clarke's Budget. The extra mortgage payments, of between £1 and £1.50 weekly, will come on top of the steep rise in tax payments, which the Treasury admitted over the weekend would cost a typical family up to £12.50 a week.

According to Halifax Building Society, the country's biggest mortgage lender, a typical borrower's monthly payments will go up by about £5 in April.

Calculations by *The Times* show that all home owners with mortgages of less than £36,700 will have to pay more than they do now. But many families with larger mortgages will also find their bills rising because of the way the Government's reduction in mortgage tax relief interacts with lenders' charging methods.

The only group that will not see payments rise in April will be those with mortgages of more than £36,700 on a variable interest rate that is reviewed annually.

Payments will be going up because mortgage tax relief will be reduced from 25 to 20 per cent. This will add £143 a year, or £12 a month, to the income tax bill of any household with a mortgage of £30,000 or more. Because of the system of mortgage interest relief at source (Miras) used by most lenders, the increase will appear as an higher mortgage payments than as a rise in taxes.

For borrowers with large mortgages, the cut in interest rates last November will more than offset the cut in tax relief. Most building societies have reduced their mortgage rates by around 0.35 percentage points in response to November's half-point cut in base rates. Typically, the crossover point between gainers and losers will be around £37,000.

But borrowers on fixed-interest loans will not benefit from November's rate cut, while they will suffer from lower tax relief. Borrowers whose payments are adjusted monthly have already enjoyed the reduction and will therefore see their bills rise again in April. Thus it will only be large borrowers on annually-adjustable schemes who see any reduction in mortgage payments in April.

In comparing the tax burden imposed by the 1993 budgets with the tax system under Labour, the Treasury has omitted the impact of mortgage tax relief. However, the reduction in Miras has had more impact on family budgets than any other change in Britain's tax structure since the 1970s.

Fine-cheat drivers to be clamped

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

MOTORISTS who park on yellow lines persistently and fail to pay outstanding penalty tickets will find their vehicles recognised by a hand-held computer and immediately clamped under a new scheme to be tested by traffic wardens in Croydon, south London.

The computers will record registration numbers and print tickets automatically for vehicles parked illegally. But they can also carry a "hot list" of number plates of regular offenders.

The scheme is similar to that used in Los Angeles: if a warden finds a vehicle on the computer it is clamped rather than being given a ticket. The driver might not get their vehicle back until outstanding fines are paid.

Eventually, a radio link to the DVLC licensing authority in Swansea could allow instant access to details of offending vehicles anywhere in Britain.

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High Court faces judges shortage

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

AN unprecedented shortage of High Court judges has been compounded by the failure of Lloyd's names to settle their disputes out of court. There will shortly be just one judge available to handle all disputes in the High Court Queen's Bench division.

The crisis, described as "dire" by the High Court judge in charge of listing, has been worsening in recent months, with record numbers of senior barristers and circuit judges being used to keep abreast of the large numbers of complex High Court disputes. Senior judges are considering an approach to the Lord Chancellor for a "temporary uplift" in numbers, perhaps by bringing forward next year's appointments of High Court judges.

Mr Justice Saville, the judge in charge of the commercial court, has predicted that impending Lloyd's litigation could occupy the High Court commercial judges for the next five years. Last week the acute problem suffered a further setback when two groups of names pursuing litigation against Lloyd's of London — Gooda Walker and Feltrim — voted overwhelmingly to reject settlement offers.

At the same time, the Lord Chief Justice's determination to clear the backlog of criminal appeals means that for the first time from this summer a record six divisions of the Court of Appeal criminal division will be sitting.

Mr Justice Otton, the judge in charge of the non-jury list in the Queen's Bench division, said the Lloyd's decisions would "undoubtedly add strain to an already stretched system".

The normal complement of High Court judges available for Queen's Bench work is 24. But huge backlogs, not only in criminal appeals but also in judicial review work, are absorbing much judicial manpower. An extra divisional court is also being set up to tackle the backlog in judicial review cases. It is now taking up to 18 months for people to obtain a full hearing in cases

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Brian Redhead, voice of the morning, dies at 64



Redhead: tributes to his "passionate concern"

BY JENNY KNIGHT

BRIAN Redhead, the veteran broadcaster, died last night after treatment for cancer of the stomach. He was 64. There were warm tributes from leaders of all political parties, despite the abrasive treatment he gave many politicians during his 18 years presenting the early-morning Radio 4 *Today* programme.

Mr Redhead's wife Jenny and daughter Abigail were with him when he died at Macclesfield District General Hospital. He had been due to leave the *Today* programme in March to concentrate on his role as Chancellor of Manchester University.

The Prime Minister led the tributes, saying: "Brian's achievements as a journalist and broadcaster will live on long after him. I shall remember him for his feisty interviewing style and the ever-present twinkle in his eye."

John Smith, Leader of the Labour Party, said: "Brian Redhead was a superb radio broadcaster. He became a much-loved British institution. His expertise was formidable and his standards impeccable."

For the Liberal Democrats, Paddy Ashdown said: "Many will feel Britain has lost its voice of the morning. We shall begin our days less informed, less educated and less entertained."

Baroness Thatcher said: "We shall miss his robust interviews which always demonstrated his loyalty to his roots, and to his beliefs and his loyalty to a free society. The breadth and depth of his knowledge were quite outstanding, and whether in opposition or in government I always enjoyed being interviewed by him." Neil Kinnock, the former Labour Leader, said Mr Redhead was "the cream of broadcasters ... a sworn enemy of pomposity and hypocrisy, a true friend of independence and integrity".

The BBC's director-general, John Birt, said that Mr Redhead's broadcasting "was constantly illuminated by his passionate concern to explore what lay beneath events and issues".

A number of controversies marked Mr Redhead's years on *Today*. The BBC apologised to the Government after he said, about unemployment: "We know the figures are massaged."

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Curbs on sickness benefit may add 250,000 names to jobless register

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

THE jobless total could increase by a quarter of a million because of plans to replace sickness and invalidity benefit, according to statistics which ministers are now studying.

Unofficial estimates at the Department of Social Security show that at least 200,000 people could be added to the unemployment register if they do not pass the more stringent medical test under the proposed incapacity benefit introduced by Kenneth Clarke in his November Budget.

The Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Bill, which will have its second reading today in the House of Commons, is expected to become more contentious than the Criminal Justice Bill and the Finance Bill.

The DSS is now faced with the prospect of an alarming increase in the unemployed or of massaging the unemployment figures to give a rosier picture.

The Bill was introduced to try to curb the numbers of people applying for invalidity benefit. Those have tripled from 500,000 in 1976 to 1.5 million in 1992. At the Conservative Party conference last year John Major said "it beggars belief" that so many people could have become invalids during a period when health and life expectancy are generally improving.

The problem with the theory that the increase is largely due to fraudulent claims is that it does not appear to be borne out by available research, including that done by Peter's Lilley's own department.

In 1990, Sir Michael Partridge, the DSS's permanent secretary, told the House of Commons public accounts committee that the two principal reasons were prolonged unemployment, which had an adverse effect on individuals' health, and the move to community care.

Donald Dewar, shadow Social Security Secretary, said last night: "This is a determined attempt to save money for the Treasury and nothing to do with dealing with the long-term sick."

The National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, which is fighting the Bill, said the tighter rules would mainly affect people whose disabilities were intermittent or who were mentally ill.Many who no longer qualified for incapacity benefit would be unable to find work and would find it increasingly difficult to satisfy the qualifying conditions for unemployment benefit.

Ann Abraham, chief executive of the association, said: "We are already being inundated by sick and disabled people who are being denied invalidity benefit wrongly. On one day the CAB in the West Midlands represented at eight invalidity benefit cut-off tribunals and won seven. Most appeals are successful but make for untold anxiety and hardship among the most vulnerable in our society."

☐ John Smith has set up an internal Labour enquiry into social policy, increasing speculation that he is about to reject any proposals for tampering with universal state benefits.

The Labour leader is reported by close colleagues to be opposed to the means-testing of child benefit, one of the proposals being considered by the Commission on Social Justice under Sir Gordon Borrie. The Labour enquiry will be headed by David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, and Ann Taylor, the shadow Education Secretary.

Mr Smith has always said that he would not be bound by the commission's findings and that there would be a separate party enquiry covering social benefit issues. Now he has decided not to wait for the final report from the commission before going ahead with that.

The move will make it easier for Mr Smith to turn down electorally unpalatable recommendations from the commission. There are serious doubts among Labour backbenchers whether the commission can produce the properly costed and tough policies on tax and benefits that will be needed to withstand the heat of an election campaign.

☐ Tory Party chairmen, local activists and agents are increasingly concerned they are no longer considered the party of low taxation and the family.

They are worried that while the May local elections could be demoralising for party workers, the effect could be catastrophic after the Euro-elections in June.

Although on the record most are prepared to support the Prime Minister, if not the actual tax increases, when speaking privately many voice serious concern about the Government and say that they have already written off the European elections.

One loyal London activist said: "The thought of increased taxes was the one thing that prevented people voting Labour at the General Election. Now our last prop has disappeared."

"We have lost the family, law and order, defence and the moral high ground. The one thing left they have just thrown away. When you go out and canvass you are hampered by the fact that everyone thinks the Prime Minister is a slippery liar."

A West Midlands chairman said: "Although Kenneth Clarke is just as responsible, many will see it as the new stick with which to beat John Major. We have no obvious replacement, so I just hope we can stick together."

Daniel Moylan, chairman of Kensington and Chelsea Conservatives, said: "I understand the need for fiscal balance but it is public expenditure that we should be rigorously reviewing."

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SIMON WALKER



Three faces of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as he parried questions on *Breakfast with Frost* yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blizzards hamper search for climber

Hope was fading last night for the safety of Christopher Mitchell, 45, who has been trapped on a Scottish mountain since Saturday. A search in blizzard conditions was called off yesterday when darkness fell.

Mr Mitchell and his son, of Cuddington, Cheshire, were climbing Beinn a' Chaorainn, Highland, on Saturday when Mr Mitchell fell through a snow cornice. The son raised the alarm but the search was hindered by atrocious weather and there were warnings of avalanches. The search will resume today.

The weekend saw some of the worst gales experienced by the north of Scotland this winter. Worst affected was Shetland, where winds reached 140mph, causing widespread damage.

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Lecturers delay strikes

Further education lecturers yesterday asked their union to delay possible one-day strikes and other industrial action. They want NATFHE to reopen negotiations over a plan to increase their working week from 30 hours to 37 and to cut 14-week holidays "substantially". Delegates meeting in London urged the union to plan escalating industrial action, but beginning February 28 instead of February 17. Last night Roger Ward of the Colleges Employers' Forum said: "No one wants to strike now that our policy is to stop about £100 a day from the pay of strikers."

Seabirds washed up

Oiled seabirds were still being washed up along the southwest coast of Scotland yesterday, adding to the total of 1,200 birds which have died during the past ten days. It is believed the slicks that have killed gulls and guillemots have come from tankers washing out their tanks and a specially equipped plane has been trying to pinpoint the sources of the pollution along the coastline of Wigtownshire, Ayrshire and Northern Ireland. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has called for government action to prevent a "disaster".

Hit-and-run victims

A 27-year-old man was being questioned by police in Edinburgh last night after five people were injured by a car which failed to stop on Saturday night. The victims, all from Edinburgh, had just left a social function in a church hall. The car was later found abandoned near by. Laura Ryan, 8, was in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary with her stepfather, David Rennie, 28. In the same hospital, and said to be in serious condition, were Stephen Dorio, 32, and Alan Macdonald, 36. Mr Dorio's wife Yvonne, 28, was detained in Western General Hospital, also seriously injured.

Suburban stabbings

Detectives were yesterday questioning a man after his neighbour was stabbed to death and three other people were wounded. Harry Stephenson, 51, a bricklayer, died after his attacker had burst into his house in a Cardiff suburb late on Saturday night. The man then forced his way into another house in the road, where two women and a man were stabbed in a violent confrontation. Damage was caused at both houses and a brick was thrown through the window of a third property. Police called to the scene arrested a 33-year-old man shortly afterwards.

Mob attack after funeral

Relatives of a youth charged with the murder of Kieran Hegarty, 11, who was battered to death in a wood near his home at Strabane, Co Tyrone, have been forced out of their homes by angry mobs. A crowd gathered hours after the funeral of Kieran, whose naked body was found in a drain, and set fire to the home of Sharon Ray, a sister of Brian Doherty, 19, who has been remanded in custody accused of the murder. The home of the youth's mother, Sheila Doherty, was also attacked and police were pelted with stones. Priests in the town yesterday appealed for calm.

'Halt foetus research'



The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, left, has called for scientists to halt research which could lead to infertility treatment using eggs from aborted foetuses. Dr Hapgood, in an interview recorded for tonight's Granada TV *World in Action* programme, said: "This is a further step which affects the most intimate relationships with human beings, so don't let's go down this road any further."

Burglar attacks widow

A widow aged 96 lay unconscious for up to ten hours yesterday after being attacked by a burglar. She is seriously ill after being found suffering from head injuries and hypothermia in her ground-floor flat at a sheltered housing complex at Addlestone, Surrey. The raid happened between 11pm Saturday and 9am yesterday, when the warden for the complex broke into the pensioner's flat after being unable to get a reply. Police do not know yet what was stolen but a curtain torn from its rail is believed to have been used to carry property away.

Charity begins with pets

More Britons give to charity than do citizens of many other Western nations, but their donations are among the smallest and the preferred beneficiaries are animals. According to a survey published today by the Charities Aid Foundation, 65 per cent of the British public give to charity, compared with 71 per cent of Spaniards and only 27 per cent of French. The average monthly donation by a Briton is £7. In Spain, the average is £7.50; in America, £19.50; and in Canada, £22. Countries that run national lotteries elicit the largest individual donations.

Adams says republicans undivided over peace

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

GERRY Adams, the President of Sinn Fein, insisted yesterday that the Anglo-Irish peace process had reached a critical phase but denied that the republican movement was split over it.

Republican and nationalist leaders moved swiftly to reject suggestions that the process was dead because Mr Adams was unable to deliver an end to violence.

But Mr Adams repeated his call for clarification of the Downing Street declaration, arguing that Sinn Fein was not simply playing for time.

Two days after John Major turned down his request for more clarification, Mr Adams said that he was still seeking a proposition to put to the leadership of the IRA.

Meanwhile John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said he did not believe the IRA had decided to reject the declaration. He said: "My understanding is that the matter is still under consideration. Given the nature of that organisation I expect that to take time. The last thing they want is a split in their ranks."

According to Mr Hume, Mr Adams had said: "There is going to be no republican split. There is no potential for it, there is no reason for it and there is no truth whatsoever anywhere in the broad republican family of any indication that there is going to be any split."

☐ Several civilians were feared hurt in an explosion near Ballygawley, Co Tyrone, last night. There were no security forces in the area.

Prince begins unofficial attempt to boost royal stock Down Under

From Alan Hamilton
in Sydney

THE Prince of Wales, heir to the throne of Australia, arrives in Sydney today to begin a testing 12-day tour that may help to determine the course of the country's flirtation with republicanism.

Officially, it is not the Prince's mission to sell the monarchy; he is the guest of Paul Keating, the Prime Minister who put its abolition on the political agenda. But the Prince's performance is bound to have an effect on the public's perception of whether it wants to retain a hereditary head of state who lives on the other side of the world.

Without the Princess of Wales, he has lost a potent crowd-puller whose presence guaranteed large and enthusiastic gatherings during their last visit, to Australia's Bicentennial celebrations in 1988. But in what looks curiously, if unwittingly, like an attempt to steal some of his thunder, the Princess has accepted an honorary fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons and has hinted that she may at some unspecified future date arrive in Sydney to have it conferred in person.

On this occasion the Prince's programme will concentrate on worthier issues associated with his own particular interests: the young unemployed, inner cities, the environment and an expedition to the outback to see an Aboriginal heritage site.

One of his first engagements will be a reception for firefighters and victims of the recent bushfires which brought destruction to Sydney's prosperous outer suburbs.

The Prince arrives at a prodigious time. A healthy recovery in the Australian economy has reduced the need for political diversions, and the republican debate has temporarily subsided as a political issue. The most recent opinion poll, in December, showed that since April support for the monarchy has risen by 10 per cent, with 48 per cent of Australians now in favour of its retention.

The Queen has also reappeared on the $5 banknote, displacing the portrait of Caroline Chisholm, an Australian pioneer. The switch, however, has earned far from universal approval.

On a personal level, the Prince and Mr Keating have struck up a friendship since they met at Balmoral last September and they now correspond regularly on matters of architecture, a subject of great interest to the Prime Minister of a country which has a greater interest in aesthetics than its tired beer-swilling image might suggest. Mr Keating appears to have been forgiven for his lèse-majesté during the Queen's visit in 1992, when he put his arm around the monarch to guide her, and his wife refused to curtsey.

The Prince will make several major speeches during his tour. When he tackles the question of a possible Australian republic, he will do little more than reflect the view of the Queen, that it is a matter for Australians to decide and that the Crown will accept the decision provided it is democratically arrived at.

It will not be arrived at yet. Mr Keating, who initially promised a referendum on the issue during the life of the present parliament, has now postponed it to beyond the next general election, and it is unlikely to take place before 1997 at the earliest.

Demographic changes in the population will eventually determine the outcome as much as any other factor. Already, 40 per cent of Australians come from a non-English speaking background, and any reference to the Queen is being dropped from the oath of citizenship sworn by new immigrants.

Unlike his recent visits to the Gulf, the Prince will not be promoting British exports. He will not meet Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who is leading a British selling mission during the royal visit. By convention, members of the Royal Family do not act as export salesmen when guests in other Commonwealth countries. It would, they feel, be a rudeness towards the host country, which is paying for their visit.

Instead, the Prince will concentrate on wider issues. At a meeting tomorrow of Australia's leading businessmen, gathered under the umbrella of his International Business Leaders' Forum, he will remind them that they occupy a key position in the Asia-Pacific region, currently enjoying a growth rate far in excess of that seen even during the old industrial revolution in the West.

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The Queen, her arm in plaster after a riding fall, greets well-wishers outside church in Hillington

High Court facing a shortage of judges

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where they seek to challenge decisions by government or other public bodies.

With 12 judges taken up on criminal appeals, four hearing full judicial review cases and another four hearing applications for leave in such cases, Mr Justice Otten said only six were left to do the normal disputes. Of those, one was involved in a long-running river pollution case, another in a big fraud trial at the Old Bailey, a third would have to be set aside for inter-locutory applications and orders. Of the remaining three, two would have to handle listing of cases (one the jury list, and the other non-jury).

"That leaves one High Court judge," he said. "The situation is dire, particularly at the beginning of next term." Normally judges from the Commercial Court could be brought in to help out but the Lloyd's litigation would prevent that. He predicted that he would have to use perhaps eight to ten deputy judges (QCs and circuit judges) a day just to keep on top of the throughput of work. There are 1,600 cases waiting to be heard, a reduction of nearly half the backlog of two years ago. However, the use of circuit judges and QCs has been criticised by the Bar which says that High Court litigants expect proper High Court judges to hear their complex disputes.

Among the emergency measures being considered is a cut on the requirement for High Court judges to go out on circuit. The crisis will ease slightly in mid-summer when seven High Court judges return from circuit duties.

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Brian Redhead, the distinctive voice of Today, falls silent

BY LIBBY PURVES

WE HAVE lost a voice, a national voice. Despite his recent illness and his long, well-hidden fight against worsening arthritis and diabetes, it is still hard to believe that we shall not hear Brian Redhead's distinctive tone again at dawn, crackling with audible glee at being first up in the morning with a damn good story to tell.

Like any good teacher or good journalist, he had roused almost every emotion in his time from passionate appreciation to equally passionate irritation, and sat smilingly through a number of political storms in the 1980s, when the rage of the Thatcher Government against unsympathetic broadcasters was focused, understandably, on him and his peculiar ability to needle the heart out of an issue. Nobody else on the radio, and certainly nobody on television, now displays quite the same bare-faced, cheeky, fast-moving and free-ranging intelligence.

He was one of a kind, and knew it; not least because he always brought to the metropolitan world of public affairs a certain Northern chippiness. At Cambridge he had refused to answer a question in Finals because he thought it shoddily framed; his early career was on the *Manchester Evening News* and *Manchester Guardian*, working with old-fashioned journalists who demanded straight answers to straight questions. He was, therefore, a great asset to a medium which, as late as the 1970s, was still perhaps a little too polite.

As he proved in confrontation with Denis Healey, Nigel Lawson and other accomplished bullies of all parties, Brian Redhead was not to be intimidated: not by authority, not by office, certainly not by smooth Southern plausibility. He was not an unkind interviewer, and had a genuine liking for politicians and their trade; but even at 2am on election mornings he rarely gave them an easy ride.

Technically, his most useful knack was for changes of pace. Brian could frame baroque, opinionated, anecdotal questions one moment — endless, some of them, during the News FM experiment in the Gulf War — and at the next moment be jabbing at his opponent with short, bald enquiries and demands for plain speaking. It was effective: his 20 years on *Today* covered a period when politicians and public figures have become perceptibly more difficult to interview, increasingly wily and over-trained in defensive manoeuvres. His talent was for making complex issues simple enough to argue in a three-minute slot, and then forcing his interviewees to address the central point before time ran out.

And underlying it all there was in Brian's manner, whether in the office or on the air, an almost unnerving undercurrent of cheerfulness. During the three-and-a-half years I sat next to him at the *Today* table as presenter, I never ceased to marvel at it.

He came in at 4.30am, humming "Keep your feet still Geordie Hinney", rubbing his hands and disconcerting the night staff with opinionated questions about the morning's lead stories, while journalists 20 years younger could still barely raise their noses from their coffee. And whatever story he was covering, his on-air manner seemed to imply that whatever the answer, whatever the outcome, it will at the very least, be *interesting*.

The security and support of his home life made him hard to know intimately as a colleague. He did not bring problems to work. But he believed in intellectual communication as one of the most important human connections, and on that level would engage in affable argument with anybody, of any age and rank, anytime. It was revealing, and to those who knew him touching, that after the death of his son and his own move towards a stronger religious faith, his immediate instinct was to communicate the things he had discovered through his own tragedy.

He made, in the years following, two vast radio series on the Bible and the history of Christianity: always with the same argumentative, interested, optimistic tone in his voice. It was impressive also to see how in his later years, despite his infirmities, he would forgo nothing that interested him as a journalist, whatever the effort: his presence at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992 was a triumph of determination which — although no listener could have known it — cost him a good deal of effort.

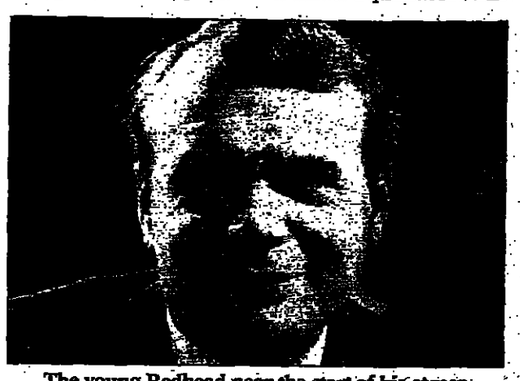
It is hard, almost impossible, to believe that all that glee and gusto is lost to us so early.

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SIMON TOWNSLEY



Sue MacGregor shares the microphone with Brian Redhead on the *Today* programme during 1990. He always worked "with gusto"



The young Redhead near the start of his career

Vicar tells of weakness for sex tapes

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A VICAR who has confessed to visiting sex shops to buy pornographic films went into hiding yesterday, leaving his three Sunday services to be taken by a colleague.

The Rev Stuart Edwards, vicar of Holy Cross, a parish of 6,000 souls in Blackpool, asked for forgiveness. But he also complained about the quality of the tapes he had bought, one of which was blank.

Fr Edwards, who was recognised going into the sex shop on a number of occasions, confessed: "Different people have different releases. I have been foolish and gullible and I hope people will forgive me. But I have also been ripped off. I spent £70 on the tapes but one of them was blank all the way through. One can hardly take this matter to trading standards."

Fr Edwards, 47, an Anglo-Catholic who had doubled church attendance at Holy Cross and set up soup kitchens for the homeless since he arrived there 2½ years ago, is to attend a week-long conference from today.

In a statement, the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Rev Alan Chesters, made it clear that he did not condone such behaviour "but understands that Fr Edwards acted under the pressure of the moment and that he now regrets what he did". One parishioner said: "Some of his congregation, especially perhaps the more elderly, will not be very forgiving. No one is perfect but are these the sort of standards to expect?"

Bedroom survey 'can't be trusted'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S attitude to sex will come under scrutiny this week when the largest-ever survey of sexual behaviour is published and MPs prepare to vote on reducing the age of consent for homosexual men.

A BBC poll of MPs found a majority in favour of lowering the age from 21 to 16, but the pollsters said yesterday they believed that 18 would emerge as the compromise choice.

The sex survey, carried out by the Wellcome Trust, was made famous by Baroness Thatcher's attempt to ban it when she was Prime Minister in 1988. It claims to show that serial monogamy is preferred to promiscuity, adultery is the exception rather than the rule and the gay community is smaller than had been thought. But critics have attacked the findings on the grounds that what people say about sex is inherently unreliable.

That view is supported by anecdotes from those who asked the questions in a pilot study for the Wellcome survey. A 30-year-old single man interviewed was asked what he understood by the word heterosexual. "Well, it's all the same to me. Heterosexual, bisexual — they're all bloody queers," he replied.

A happily married man in his 40s, with an active sex life, was asked during the pilot study what he understood by vaginal sex. "Yeah, there again, it's something that doesn't appeal to me," he said. "I don't know why it revolts me."

Even questions about the number of sexual partners can be understood in a variety of ways. One 19-year-old woman defined a sexual partner as "not just someone you sleep with, it's a friend". However, a married woman in her late 30s said: "I can't remember the last time we had what you'd call full sexual intercourse but you see that doesn't really matter to me. He's still my sexual partner."

As well as misunderstanding, surveys of sexual behaviour are at risk from boasting, embarrassment and memory lapses. Kudos attaches to some answers, opprobrium to others.

The Wellcome researchers took more care than any of their forerunners to divest their questions of difficult, confusing or offensive terms. They eschewed the words heterosexual and homosexual in favour of "sex with a man/woman" and other terms, such as vaginal sex, were carefully defined.

However, gay activists insist that the survey's finding that only one man in 90 has had a homosexual experience in the past year is a gross underestimate. Peter Tatchell of the pressure group OutRage said: "Closet gays are very unlikely to admit their homosexuality to a total stranger who turns up on the doorstep."

The researchers said there was no reason for anyone to lie. Respondents were given questionnaires in private and asked to write down their answers anonymously. Kaye Wellings, the team's medical sociologist, said: "People are not intrinsically dishonest."

Spielberg honoured for epic

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE film-maker Steven Spielberg stepped closer to the Oscar that has eluded him when he won two Golden Globe awards this weekend for *Schindler's List*.

His heart-rending 3½-hour epic about the Holocaust was named Best Motion Picture (Drama) at the awards ceremony on Saturday. Spielberg was named Best Director.

The Golden Globes, presented by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, are a sign of voters' preferences in the run-up to the Oscars, which will be presented in March. *Schindler's List*, which went on general release last month, has been acclaimed by most film critics in America.

Spielberg has had huge box-office hits with effects-laden blockbusters such as *ET*, *Jaws* and, last summer, the dinosaur adventure-film *Jurassic Park*. But after accepting the award and a standing ovation in the Beverly Hilton Hotel's ballroom, he said: "I would have traded that whole dinosaur thing for *Schindler's List* because this was much more important. I can always go out and make an adventure film."



Hunter: best actress



Spielberg: two awards

Schindler's List is based on the true story, first told in Thomas Keneally's Booker Prize-winning *Schindler's Ark*, of a German industrialist who saved hundreds of Polish Jews from the sadism of the SS in a Krakow concentration camp, and later from the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

The film became a personal crusade for Spielberg, whose film-making had hitherto largely ignored his Jewish roots.

Other awards went to Holly Hunter as Best Actress in *The Piano* and Robin Williams as Best Actor (Comedy) in *Mrs Doubtfire*.

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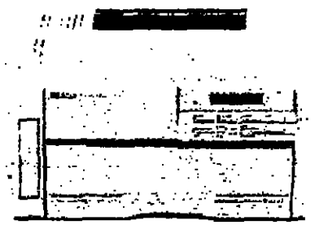
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Patients dying for want of dialysis as machines lie idle

By Jeremy Laurance and David Parsley

■ Nothing has changed in the six months since it was disclosed that London hospitals were under-using their kidney machines

KIDNEY dialysis machines in London hospitals are still being allowed to stand idle while patients elsewhere are being left to die. The under-use of the machines was first highlighted in a survey six months ago.

All except one of the 15 hospitals that provide dialysis in the four Thames regions have spare places on their machines. A survey by *The Times* shows that almost 500 extra patients could be treated if the machines were run at full stretch for three shifts a day. At the moment 1,100 patients are treated.

After an independent survey last May showed a similar shortfall, Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, claimed that the use of the machines fluctuated and a count of patients taken at a different time would convey a different picture. However, the *Times* survey, conducted in mid-December, shows that the level of use is unchanged since last May.

Despite the spare capacity, patients with renal failure in some parts of the South East are dying because they cannot get access to a machine. In mid-Essex and Maidstone, Kent, only 20 patients per million population are treated for kidney failure compared with the estimated 80 per million who need dialysis.

In a letter to David Heathcoat-Amory, Tory MP for Wells, who had complained to the Health Department on behalf of a constituent, Mr Sackville said that some spare capacity was necessary for emergencies and as back-up in case a machine failed. But the *Times* survey shows that ten of the 15 hospitals have large amounts of spare capacity with spaces for at least an extra 20 patients each.

The worst performers, Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals, in central London, treat 96 patients on 33 machines. The best performer, Charing Cross Hospital, also treats 96 patients but on only 15 machines.

Mr Sackville said the Health Department had received no reports of patients [diagnosed as needing dialysis] being denied [it] and therefore dying. "Such a state of affairs would be unacceptable," he said.

However, the independent review of renal sevices commissioned by the Government following the Tomlinson report, which conducted the first survey of kidney-machine use last May, said: "Acceptance rates [for dialysis] are significantly low in some of the shire district health authorities and well below 80 patients per million population, suggesting that population need is not being met in these areas."

Professor Netar Mallick, chairman of the review, which is due later this year, said that the under-use of machines in London was almost unique in Britain. "The information we have is that there are patients with renal disease who are not receiving treatment. It may be that they are not being referred or not recognised as people who would benefit from treatment. I presume the minister is saying that he has received no reports of *diagnosed* patients dying because they have been denied treatment."

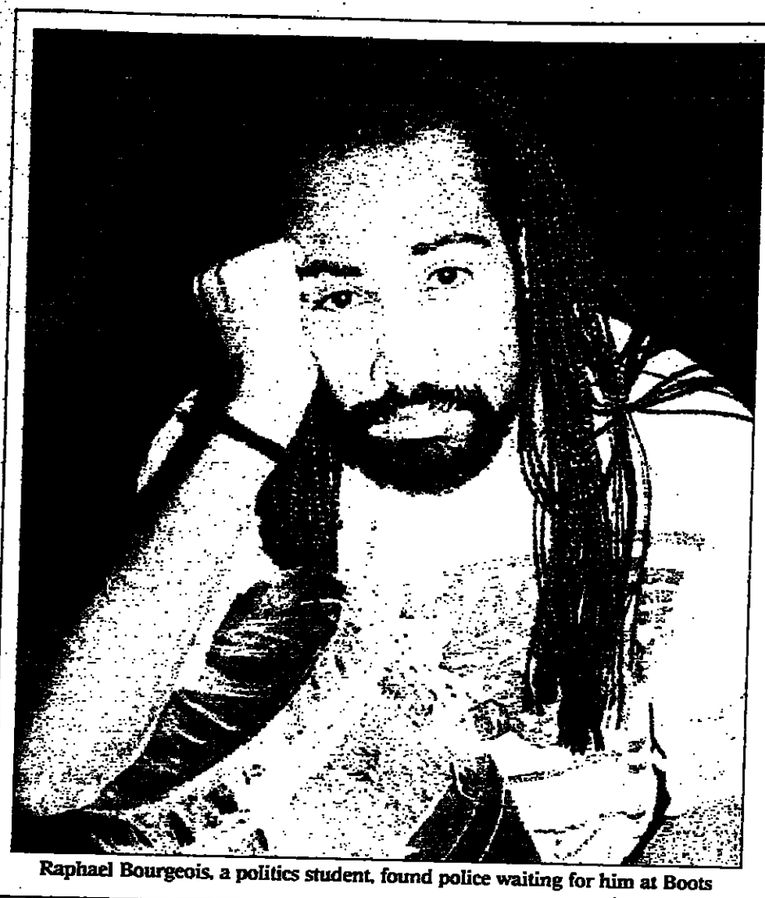
Professor Mallick agreed that patients denied treatment would die. He said that whenever a specialist kidney clinic was set up in a new area "the number of patients expected in that community have been there". To meet the need, specialist clinics should be provided locally where patients can reach them easily, he said.

Each kidney machine can treat six patients if it is used six days a week on a standard three-shift system — morning, afternoon and evening. The patients attend three times a week for a dialysis session lasting between four and six hours. There is no waiting list because patients who do not get immediate treatment die.

In London most hospitals operate a two-shift system but some, such as the Charing Cross, run three shifts. Most say they do not have the staff or resources to run their machines more intensively, and they are not getting the referrals.

A Health Department spokesman said that the number of patients receiving kidney dialysis had increased from 7,000 to 22,000 since 1980, and that 12,000 patients had transplants, more than in any other country in Europe.

However, ministers have accepted evidence from the Renal Association that the incidence of end-stage renal failure "may be higher than current levels of take-up suggest", he said.



Raphael Bourgeois, a politics student, found police waiting for him at Boots

Boots staff smoke out pot shots

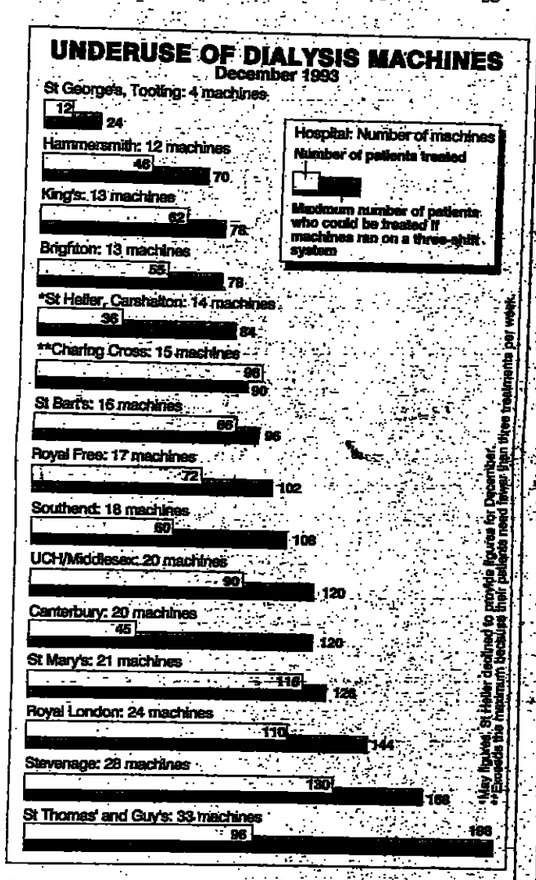
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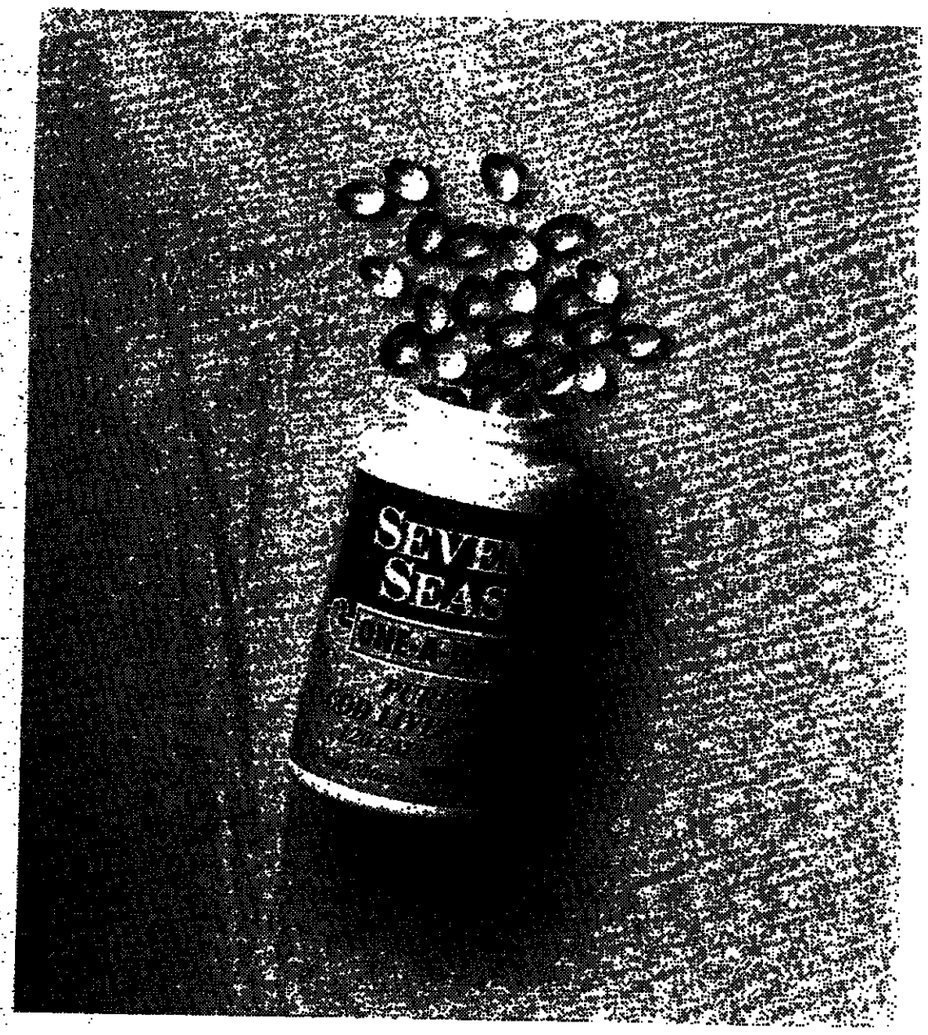
A STUDENT has been cautioned by police after staff at Boots the Chemist saw pictures of people smoking cannabis on a film he had put in to be developed.

Officers were waiting for Raphael Bourgeois, 19, a politics student, when he went to collect his prints at a Newcastle branch of the store. The film showed undergraduates smoking cannabis cigarettes and a pipe at a party. Darkroom technicians alerted detectives who waited for the student to collect the pictures. Mr Bourgeois spent three hours in custody before being released and cautioned. He was allowed to keep the film.

"What are these people doing looking at my private pictures?" he said yesterday. "I only took them in for a two-hour process and when I returned there was a detective waiting to take me off to the cells.

"It's an awful infringement of my personal liberty. Police have confiscated the pipe and my friends have stopped smoking because it's a real drag and too much trouble."





For sale: Cold War hot seats with view

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE Home Office is to put up for sale the ultimate in country retreats: 21 bomb-proof Cold War bunkers.

Stretching estate agent's jargon to the extreme, the bunkers used by the now disbanded Royal Observer Corps are being described as "small country estates with a view".

The bunkers were designed as observation posts to be manned in the event of a nuclear war. Many were built at high points and have clear views across southern England.

The demise of the corps was announced in 1991. The Home Office said the likelihood of a nuclear strike on Britain was so low that it was no longer needed.

Encouraged by the sale of a number of the unwanted bunkers, the Home Office has decided to hand over 21 more of the underground shelters to a property management firm, Unicorn Consultancy Services, which is to invite tenders from the public.

Included in the new batch for sale are bunkers at Portland Bill in Dorset, Stockbridge in Hampshire, Kemble in Gloucestershire, Crewkerne in Somerset, Bampton in Devon and Penryn in Cornwall.

Coroner to see report on boy shot by father

POLICE are preparing a report for the coroner into the death of a 12-year-old boy, killed by a blast from his father's shotgun during a pheasant shoot on Saturday.

Oliver Drabble died during the last organised shoot of the season on his family's land at Five Oakes, near Horsham, West Sussex.

His father, Timothy Drabble, a partner with London solicitors Gregory Rowcliffe and Milners, ran a regular syndicate and often took Oliver, his only son, with him to watch although he was too young to handle a gun.

A police spokesman said yesterday there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the shooting.

Others at the shoot were lawyers and judges, including retired Court of Appeal judge Sir Francis Purchas, whose son was managing the event.

Sir Francis, who did not witness the shooting, said: "We all know what happened. It was an extremely unfortunate accident and could have happened to anyone."

At the family home, Terry O'Flynn, Oliver's uncle, said: "The family is in shock and we are struggling to come to terms with what has happened.

"We are grieving privately and we are all too upset to talk about Oliver when it is still fresh in our minds."

Neighbours in the village described Oliver, who was due to take up a place at Winchester School this year, as a delightful child.

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Mother fights to sue doctor who wrongly diagnosed sex abuse

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN whose four-year-old daughter was taken away from her for a year is to challenge a judge's decision that she cannot sue the psychiatrist involved. He wrongly diagnosed sexual abuse by the mother's boy friend.

The test case seeks to establish the right of parents to sue professionals who make such mistakes. Other similar cases are awaiting the outcome.

The mother will seek in the Court of Appeal tomorrow to overturn a High Court ruling by Judge Phelan that she and her daughter, who is now ten, cannot claim compensation against doctors and social workers for psychological damage caused by the separation.

They are seeking to sue the London borough of Newham, Newham district health authority and the unnamed consultant child psychiatrist. The case will be heard by the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham.

After the wrong finding of sex abuse, the girl was placed with foster parents. She was returned home a year later when a transcript of an interview with her was re-read and found to show that her mother's boy friend was innocent.

Judge Phelan accepted in March that the girl and her mother, who cannot be identified, had suffered "much distress" during their year apart. Medical evidence was that they were suffering from a psychiatric disorder of a degree and type recognised as giving rise to a claim in damages.

But he accepted the argument of the defendants that the rule giving court witnesses immunity from negligence claims covered professionals diagnosing sex abuse.

Even if court proceedings had not been started, the professionals had made their reports in the knowledge that they might be used in court, the judge said.

In the Cleveland child sex abuse scandal, nearly £1 million compensation was paid in an out-of-court settlement to 27 families whose children were taken into care.

Joe Davies, the solicitor for the mother and child, said: "This case is vital because it seeks to establish the principle that parents and children who may have been victims of carelessly made allegations of abuse can seek redress in the courts if such allegations turn out to be unfounded."

Although the courts had so far said professionals in such cases were covered by the witness immunity, in the Cleveland case the compensation was paid out on the basis that the professionals were liable.

☐ Thousands of victims of medical or other accidents will have their claims for damages jeopardised under government plans to make them use the small claims arbitration procedure instead of the courts, lawyers say.

Lawyers from four leading personal-injuries firms have told the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, that personal injury cases are unsuitable for the small claims procedure.

Edward Solomons, of Brian Thompson & Partners, one of the firms, said that as legal aid was not available for people in the small claims court, they would be fighting unaided complex and difficult cases against large insurance companies who could afford lawyers.

The Lord Chancellor intends that personal-injury claims — possibly up to a level of £2,500 — be handled through small claims arbitration rather than the formal court system.

☐ Lord Mackay faces renewed pressure this week to restore some of the cuts he made to the legal aid scheme after new figures have disclosed the legal aid budget will be underspent by nearly £60 million this year.

The figures, released to the Law Society by his department, show that by April spending on legal aid will be £1,225 million against planned provision of £1,283 million.

MARC ASPLAND



Dr Geza von Hapsburg, art historian and organiser of the world's largest Fabergé exhibition, holds the first egg made by Carl Fabergé and given by Tsar Alexander III to his wife for Easter in 1885. The touring exhibition opens at the Victoria & Albert Museum on Wednesday

Black crusader returns to snub 'Klannish' judiciary

BY ANDREW PIERCE

ONE of the Bar's most flamboyant characters, Rudy Narayan, who retired to Guyana in 1991, is launching a comeback by staging Britain's first international conference for black lawyers and judges.

Mr Narayan, a champion of black rights, once tried to sue the Lord Chancellor and three judges for racial prejudice. And he told a Bar Council disciplinary tribunal in 1983 that its all-white membership would "do credit to the Ku Klux Klan". Mr Narayan has not mellowed with age. "Not one invitation for the conference will be issued to members of the British judiciary," said Mr Narayan who practised at the bar for 22 years. "I want the conference to inject some dynamism, backbone and fearlessness into our black members. I want to light some fires. I want to create a revolutionary spirit in the British judiciary."

Invitations for the conference, at the end of July, have been sent to Robert Mugabe, president of Zimbabwe, Angela Davis, the black rights campaigner in the United States, members of the judiciary in the US and the Caribbean and to Keith Vaz, the Labour MP and solicitor.

Mr Narayan, who last week set up Civil Rights UK, which operates a free 24-hour legal service in the east end of London, will address the two-day conference in London, which will end with a dinner in the House of Commons. There are 343 black barristers out of 8,000 and only four black judges, one of whom who was appointed last week, according to figures supplied by the Lord Chancellor's department. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, is proposing racial awareness training for members of the judiciary.

Mr Narayan said: "When I proposed identical training 20 years ago I was suspended from the bar. That is why this conference is so important. When a black is appointed to a senior legal position here it is front page news. I want the conference to learn from the United States."

'Oppressive' CSA referred to Europe

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A TORY MEP has asked the European Commission to investigate what he says is the extremely oppressive economic regime imposed on divorced fathers by the Child Support Agency.

The request comes as Parliament prepares to debate changes to the Child Support Act under which the CSA operates, which have been tabled by the Government after a wave of opposition to the new legislation.

Bill Newton Dunn, who represents Lincolnshire in the European Parliament, has told the commission that the Act and the CSA discriminate against men, because men form 95 per cent of what he called the agency's victims.

Mr Newton Dunn also says the Act discriminates against second wives, many of whom are being forced to make what they believe are unfair sacrifices to help to support first wives, and is forcing some second families to leave the country to seek a livelihood elsewhere in the EC.

Mr Newton Dunn said yesterday that he wanted the commission to investigate whether the Act contravened the principles of equality as laid down in the Treaty of Rome.

The changes to the legislations announced just before Christmas by Alistair Burt, the social services minister, include the introduction of a phasing system over 18 months for new maintenance bills, and three alterations to the formula by which bills are calculated.

☐ The CSA faced fresh criticism yesterday after it cut an absent father's maintenance payments to £2.20p a week. The agency has told Scott Lyons, 18, of Walsall, West Midlands, that he was paying too much after a court ordered him to pay £4 a week to bring up his son Robert.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Adams fights back

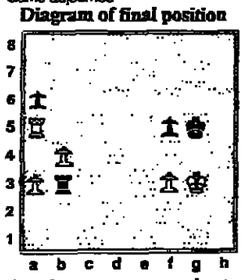
Michael Adams fought back against Boris Gelfand of Belorussia in the Fide championship in Wijk aan Zee, Holland. Adams had been trailing 2.5-1.5 but has now adjourned with an advantage that guarantees him a win.

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Black: Boris Gelfand
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51	Ra5	Kg4
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53	g3	hxg3+
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55	f3	Rd6
56	Ra5	Rc6
57	b4	Rb6
58	a3	Rd6
59	Rc5	Rd3
60	Ra5	Rb3

Game adjourned

Diagram of final position



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Yorkshire sees red over return of the Ridings

BY IAN MURRAY

LEAKED plans to restore the Ridings to Yorkshire have been met with disapproval from traditionalists who claim they are being short-changed.

Recommendations to be submitted to ministers today by the Local Government Commission will urge the re-establishment of some old boundaries and the re-drafting of others. However, those living in the West Riding have been infuriated by reports that the proposed new authority is to be a scaled down version of its former self.

The commission is believed to have suggested that West Riding should run from Selby to Craven. Prior to 1974, the old authority also included the rest of South Yorkshire.

Sir John Banham, chairman of the Local Government Commission for England, was originally given four and a half years to recommend a new local government structure for England. Now, because of the blood-letting, uncertainty and bad feeling generated by his review so far, the Government has told the commission to speed up. It spent 12 months looking at five areas and has to complete the remaining 29 areas in the year ahead.

When the former head of the CBI was entrusted with the task of doing away with two-tier local government and replacing it with a network of interlocking unitary authorities, he must have seemed the ideal man to carry out the Government's wishes.

However, after 12 months in the five areas — during which the commission interviewed 23,000 people, analysed 70 submissions from individual authorities, received 155,000 questionnaires from the public, held 70 public meetings attended by 16,000 people and received views from more than 900 parish councils — it is clear the commission is extremely unhappy with its brief.

It reported last month that it found "unseemly wrangling" between existing local authorities as each tier attempted to wrest control from the other and in several cases spent huge sums of public money trying to persuade the public of the strength of its case.

The consultation process discovered enormous resistance to change. Despite "widespread public dissatisfaction with the present arrangements ... a substantial number of people would prefer them to remain in place". Most of the proposals received "would leave local government in a form readily recognisable to our Victorian forebears".

The commission also noted the insidious way central government appeared to be taking over more and more local control by providing most of the funding for local services.

The whole idea of the review is to recommend local authority areas which will be self-sufficient. Sir John expects that this will mean dividing the country into districts with a population of between 150,000 and 250,000 each. In theory this would make them sufficiently large to benefit from economies of scale in providing services but small enough for local populations to identify with them.

After its consultations of the past year, the commission believes there is a real need to listen much more closely to local opinion. Since this local opinion is against much of the change the Government is seeking, it foreshadows serious battles ahead.

The commission, which has already seen its first recommendation on the Isle of Wight overturned by the Government, says: "The most common mistakes have been a failure to listen to the views of local people," it says. Forcing change "would be to risk damage to the legitimacy of local government". The commission's feeling is that it would be "unwise to force change on an unwilling local community".

JAMES MORGAN



The "almost medieval prospect of the town self-contained by hills" would be ruined by plans to build a theatre on the river's north bank, some inhabitants believe



Petitions against the project have much support

Dramatic sideshow haunts Hay festival

BY EDWARD GORMAN

Opponents are sceptical that a proposed cultural centre for Hay would benefit the whole town, and not just the festival

THE people of Hay-on-Wye, the Welsh border town famous for its second-hand bookshops, international literary festival and self-proclaimed independence, are falling out over plans to build a theatre on the banks of the river Wye.

If it is approved, the theatre will be an investment in the future of the seven-year-old festival, which attracts about 25,000 visitors and will this year play host to literary celebrities including the Nobel prize winner Derek Walcott, the American writer Maya Angelou and Carlos Fuentes from Mexico.

The problem is the location for the development. It is already causing bitter divisions in a community notorious for its rivalries. Opponents believe the most likely site is on fields across the river from the centre of old Hay, which they say will ruin the prospect of the town from the north side of the river.

Rosie Hayles, the owner of West House Books, is co-ordinating opposition to the scheme. Her group, Friends of the North Bank, is circulating posters and petitions to stop the development.

Ms Hayles believes the north side of the river should be left undisturbed: "You get a quite spectacular view as you approach from that side," she said. It's an almost medieval aspect. Hay looks from that angle completely self-contained in its hills. There is no sprawl as you get in most towns — it's very beautiful."

Ms Hayles believes that the construction of a theatre, possibly with an open-air amphitheatre next to it and car parks, would open the floodgates to developments on the north bank of the Wye.

She and her supporters — who say they have nothing against the festival — argue that the site of the old community centre on the other side of the town would make a better location for the theatre.

The strength of opposition to the scheme has taken the festival organisers by surprise. Peter Florence, director and resident of nearby Clyro, confirmed that the north side of the river was a possibility but said other locations were also being studied, though he was unable to be specific about where these were.

He said he welcomed the debate about the environmental impact of building on the north bank, but pointed out that the theatre would not only be of benefit to the festival. "It will be a building of community value, not solely a theatre," he said. "It will also be a cultural centre and community and environmental centre. It will not be restricted to the use of the festival, which is seasonal. One would want a community resource all the way through the year."

Mr Florence emphasised that the proposed development might not come to fruition for several years. But he believes that the potential benefits for Hay, wherever the theatre is located, far outweigh the disadvantages. "What Hay has is a great chance to be special and to maintain its originality," he said.

The dispute is expected to be discussed at the next meeting of the town council in March, and will no doubt form a back-drop to this year's literary festival from May 20-30.

Producer defies Lonrho over Lockerbie film



Rowland: pulled out of film on bombing

BY LINDA MACK AND ANGELA MACKAY

THE producer of a controversial film about the Lockerbie bombing, commissioned by Lonrho and partly financed by Libya, has vowed that he will finish the project after the company withdrew support at the weekend.

Allan Francovich said yesterday that he had received a letter from Ken Etheridge, Lonrho's head of security and a director of Hemar, the production company set up to make the film, telling him they had lost Lonrho's backing.

The film, provisionally entitled *The Maltese Double Cross*, is being produced by Hemar Enterprises, a shell company set up in the Virgin Islands in August last year. It had a budget of £630,000, donated by Metropole Hotels, which is jointly owned by Lonrho and the Libyan Arab Finance Company.

Scottish investigators issued indictments in November 1991 accusing two Libyan intelligence officers of planting a bomb in a suitcase on an Air Malta flight, and "inter-lining" the suitcase on to Pan Am Flight 103, which exploded over Lockerbie killing 270.

Mr Francovich was commissioned five months ago by Lonrho on the initiative of Tiny Rowland, the joint chief executive, to make a 90-minute documentary about the bombing.

The project has been embroiled in controversy since it began. One of the key researchers has been named in congressional hearings as a media hoaxer. Oswald LeWinter, an American who lives in Germany, has claimed to be a former senior intelligence officer with the CIA's Operations Directorate, a CIA Nato liaison officer, and a brigadier-general with American military intelligence. However, Mr Francovich says he stands by Mr LeWinter's intelligence credentials.

Despite UN sanctions designed to persuade the Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to hand over the two suspects for trial in Scotland, the Libyan government has refused to co-operate. Instead it has sought to undermine the Scottish evidence and to seek alternative explanations for the bombing.

Mr Rowland announced that he would be pulling out of the film project when his involvement was disclosed by the *Financial Times*. However research and filming at Hemar's north London offices, which were still open yesterday, continued.

Lonrho said it would enforce its copyright to ensure the film was never shown but Mr Francovich has promised that he will fight the company through the courts to get the film aired.

He said: "Lonrho are in breach of their contract with me and I am seeking legal advice."

Mr Francovich said that because Lonrho had breached its contract, its copyright would also become the subject of litigation.

Police hold nine after M11 protest

Nine people were arrested and three have been charged after 150 protesters stormed the M11 link road construction site at Wanstead, northeast London, on Saturday.

Noel Slay Cass, 23, unemployed, of Lancaster, has been charged with criminal damage; Charles Peter Lloyd, 43, an administration assistant, of Hackney, east London, with obstructing police, and Lawrence Dow, 30, a railway engineer, of Wanstead, with threatening behaviour.

Cat girl dies

Julie Bennett, 11, who ran back into her blazing house in Swindon, Wiltshire, on Thursday to rescue the family cat, has died from her injuries. Her mother June, 40, chased after her daughter but they were both overcome. Mrs Bennett was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

Two questioned

Police hunting the killers of a Sheffield postman have questioned two men being held in Hull in connection with a series of robberies. David Hird, 52, a father of three, was killed in November when raiders coshed him before driving over him in his own Post Office van.

Maths prodigy

Oliver Watson, 15, of Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, has been offered a place at Magdalen College, Oxford, to study maths and philosophy next autumn. He achieved a grade A in his A-level maths and eight grade-A O levels.

Radio waves

Mobile phones have been banned from the grounds of the radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, because of interference with observations.

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School gives twist to selection battle

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

AN OPTED-OUT comprehensive school in Kent has become the latest battleground in a growing campaign to reintroduce selective education.

County councillors meet tomorrow to consider an objection to plans by Homewood School, Tenterden, to select a fifth of its pupils. The school has already run pilot tests, despite opposition from the education authority. There has been a steady increase in schools applying to join Parliament's grant-maintained sector.



Patten: encourages specialist selection

Homewood's governors want to take pupils of all abilities at 11, which previously gave it two years to persuade parents not to enter their children for places at the county's grammar schools. When Kent switched to an 11-plus examination, a significant proportion of high-fliers was lost.

The council, which holds a voluntary selection test for its own grammar schools, says that the Homewood proposals would mean that all pupils wanting a place would have to be tested. Keith Jennings, area director of education, says in a report to the county education committee that this would be against the council's new policy of using the county assessment procedure "to reduce needless pressure and anxiety to those pupils who are clearly not of selective ability".

The school cannot carry out the proposals without Mr Patten's approval and tomorrow the county's education committee will be recommended to lodge a formal objection.

The school is proposing to select 48 pupils out of 240 on academic ability at the age of 11. Four more would be chosen for musical ability and priority for the remaining places would be given to children of staff. Mr Jennings says that giving the staff's children priority over siblings of present pupils and other local children is a cause for concern.

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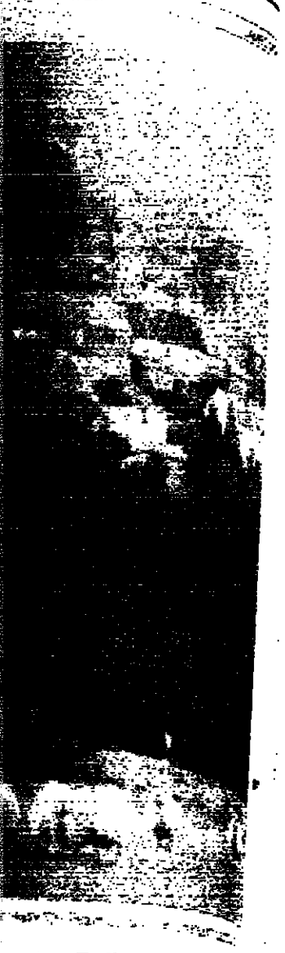
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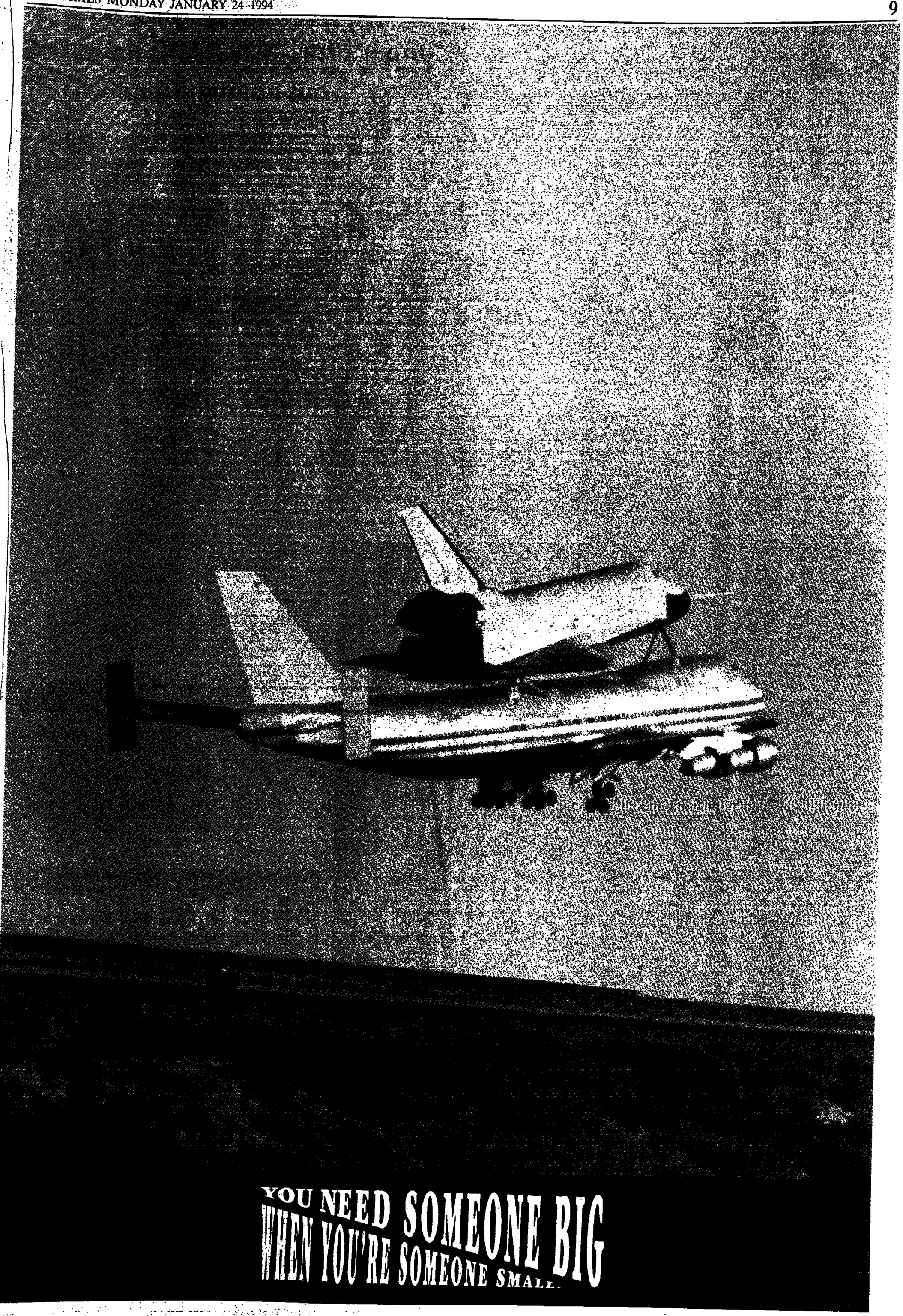
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Road tax 'should be £630 a year'

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MOTORISTS would pay at least £630 a year if the road tax were made to cover the full social cost of the roads they use and the pollution they cause.

That assessment comes from a professor of environmental economics, who this week will publish research into the true costs of air and noise pollution, traffic accidents and the economic impact of increasingly congested roads.

While the Government raises £14.7 billion from road and fuel taxes, the actual costs of Britain's growing number of private vehicles is running at about £25.7 billion annually, David Pearce, of University College London, says.

If the 22 million private vehicles were charged the true costs to society, then an extra £11 billion — or £500 a car — would be needed on top of the current road tax of £130.

His research document, *Measuring Sustainable Development*, coincides with the publication tomorrow of the Government's *Sustainable Development Strategy*.

Sustainability is fast becoming the environment buzzword of the 1990s and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, claims the Government is wedded to the principles of sustainable development, which he has defined as development that does not cheat on your children.

Professor Pearce says, however, that the government document will disclose how "UK plc is at best a marginally sustainable venture with too little saved to cover the depreciation of its assets". The real health, environmental and social costs of the growing numbers of private motor cars and trucks are being ignored, he says, and undercharging drivers undermines the viability of more environmentally friendly forms of travel: buses, trains, bicycles and walking.

"Transport is one sector of the economy in which almost everything has gone wrong ... too much pollution, too much congestion, too much investment in roads, too little investment in public transport," Professor Pearce said yesterday.

"Without a fundamental change in policy it is inevitable that the transport sector will continue to impose large and growing costs on the natural environment, human health and the competitiveness of the British economy.

"The road network and motor vehicles are much more expensive than the Government will acknowledge, with road and vehicle taxes covering only half of the true social and environmental costs," he said. Air pollution from traffic, including dirt, oxides of nitrogen and unburnt hydrocarbons, could be costing £2.8 billion a year, mainly through ill health.

Noise from cars and heavy goods vehicles could be costing £600,000 a year, mainly in productivity losses at work from tiredness and stress.

Road accidents could be costing over £4.7 billion annually, congestion could be costing industry £13.5 billion a year and direct damage to the road network from traffic at least £1.3 billion annually.

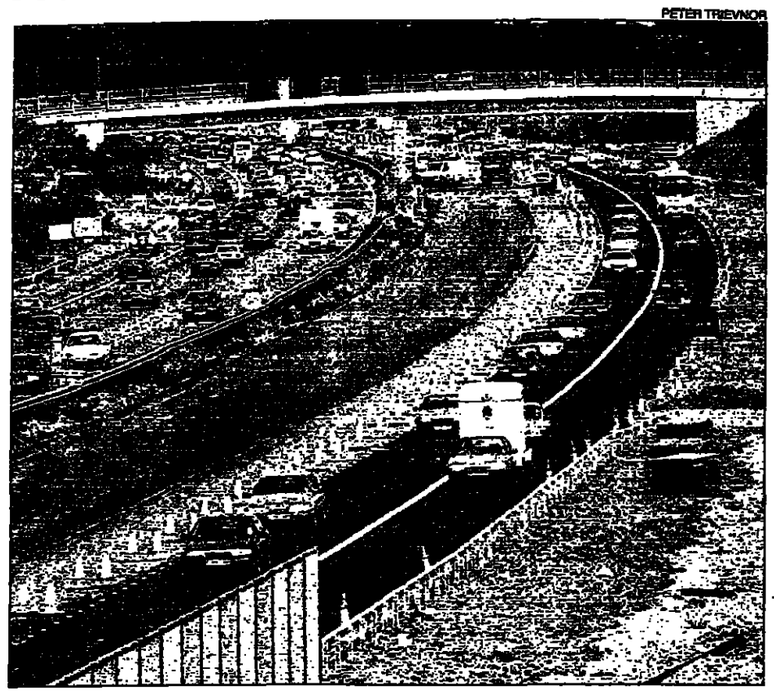
While welcoming moves to increase charges for road users through congestion charging and other measures, Professor Pearce fears these will not be draconian enough to reflect the true costs of allowing more private vehicles onto the highways.

Measuring Sustainable Development claims that damage from acid rain is costing farmers, timber companies, the health service and organisations responsible for public buildings, at least £1.3 billion a year.

"There is no credible policy on conserving biological diversity, with ever more 'protected areas' being damaged. Agriculture is markedly unsustainable with still-rising levels of subsidy for intensive agriculture and no effective policy action," Professor Pearce said.

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PETER TREVNOR



The Government is facing a revolt over plans to turn parts of the M25, seen above, into a 14-lane super-highway. Faced with a backlash from their constituents, Tory backbenchers and councils in the Home Counties are urging John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, to re-examine the entire £23 billion road-building programme and his approach to how Britain will cope with an increasing number of cars. Their fears are aired tonight in a BBC1 *Panorama* programme in which government supporters question the Transport Department's underlying philosophy.

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Planners resist nation of out-of-town shopkeepers

*The rise of out-of-town shopping has created a moral panic. But cities must adapt or die, **Paul Barker** writes*

The Times Essay

It is an urban conjuring trick. Our towns and cities are being turned inside out. The vigour that used to be the hallmark of a city centre is moving steadily outwards. It is a process many commentators, planners and politicians find unacceptable. All the more unacceptable, in their minds, for having crept up on us: no one ever sat down and decided that things would be like this.

The bright new end-products — the fluffy, nylon-fur rabbits produced out of the market-place hat — are such phenomena as the Lakeside shopping centre, at Thurrock, Essex, or the Meadowhall centre in Sheffield. They are grandiose temples to late-20th century retailers' and developers' black arts.

Something like panic is setting in. Hence last week's speech by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to the Town and Country Planning Association. "I want to tell you," he said, "that I have decided to take a rather closer interest in retail proposals outside the main shopping areas of our main towns and cities."

He expressed fears about the spread of "the drive-in philosophy we see across the Atlantic, where people mourn the loss of Main Street (now to be seen mainly at Walt Disney World)".

Seen historically, this reminds me of the planning panic in the 1920s and 1930s, as spec-built estates of semi-detached houses swelled out the girth of every British city. Eventually, of course, architects and planners began to see merit in what had been so mocked. In 50 years' time, I see the committee members agonising at English Heritage about whether Lakeside or Meadowhall best deserves listing.

Meanwhile, the panic. Nor is it confined to Britain. Outside even the oldest French town, you pass through a classic American "strip": petrol stations, supermarkets, furniture warehouses. Yet one of the election promises by the conservative prime minister, Edouard Balladur, last year was that he would draw a line and stop any more being built. It seems inexplicable, until you recall that one element in the French right-wing electoral coalition is the shopkeeper vote. M Balladur wants to keep it in his pocket.

Is the panic justified? Are city centres going to die out as shoppers, of their own volition, go out of town?

The analogy is always with America, where the air-conditioned shopping mall was invented (in 1956, in Minneapolis). It is true the American downtown has become a fairly strange place. In Washington last November, I needed a small battery. Nowhere could I find a shop that sold this kind of miscellaneous necessity. I had no time to drive out to the malls. I did without.

If I had been a resident white Washingtonian, I could have made that drive. But two thirds of the American capital is a grim black ghetto. These streets are as short of everyday shops as white Washington. But the ghetto dwellers often lack cars. They are trapped. The fear is that this might cross the Atlantic: derelict urban tracts, abandoned by business and by any sign of hope. Out-of-town shops are undoubtedly part of a major shift in the pattern of our cities. But whether you can change the pattern by refusing to fit one piece of the jigsaw into place is a different matter.

I was walking around one of the poorest districts of east London one recent Monday. At the single, small sub-post office, a line of 50 people waited to be served. The number and variety of shops on the street had been dwindling, I was told, for years. The final blow was the opening of a retail park, about a mile and a half away. There was nothing out-of-town about it. It was still in the heart of London. But customers could park. Retailers had elbow-room to set out their goods. The men and women in the post office queue, like 60 per cent of the local population, had no family car. They were stranded. What they were stranded by, however, was poverty. Cities have always been shaped by transport more than by anything else (as witness the inter-war suburbs). Cars on the roads have risen by 40 per cent in a decade, through boom and bust alike. (In a recession, fewer of the cars are new.) This is a tide you cannot turn. The best lifeboats for people trapped by it are these: jobs and money. But that raises some tough questions: much easier to point the finger at shopping malls.

We have always been a country where the commercial spirit was strong; stronger, arguably, than the industrial spirit. And this means constant innovation. When Napoleon mocked us as a nation of shopkeepers, he was making a very specific point. In England the age-old tradition of the street market, where you haggled for the best price, often with the farmer or clothier who had produced what you wanted, was being abandoned.

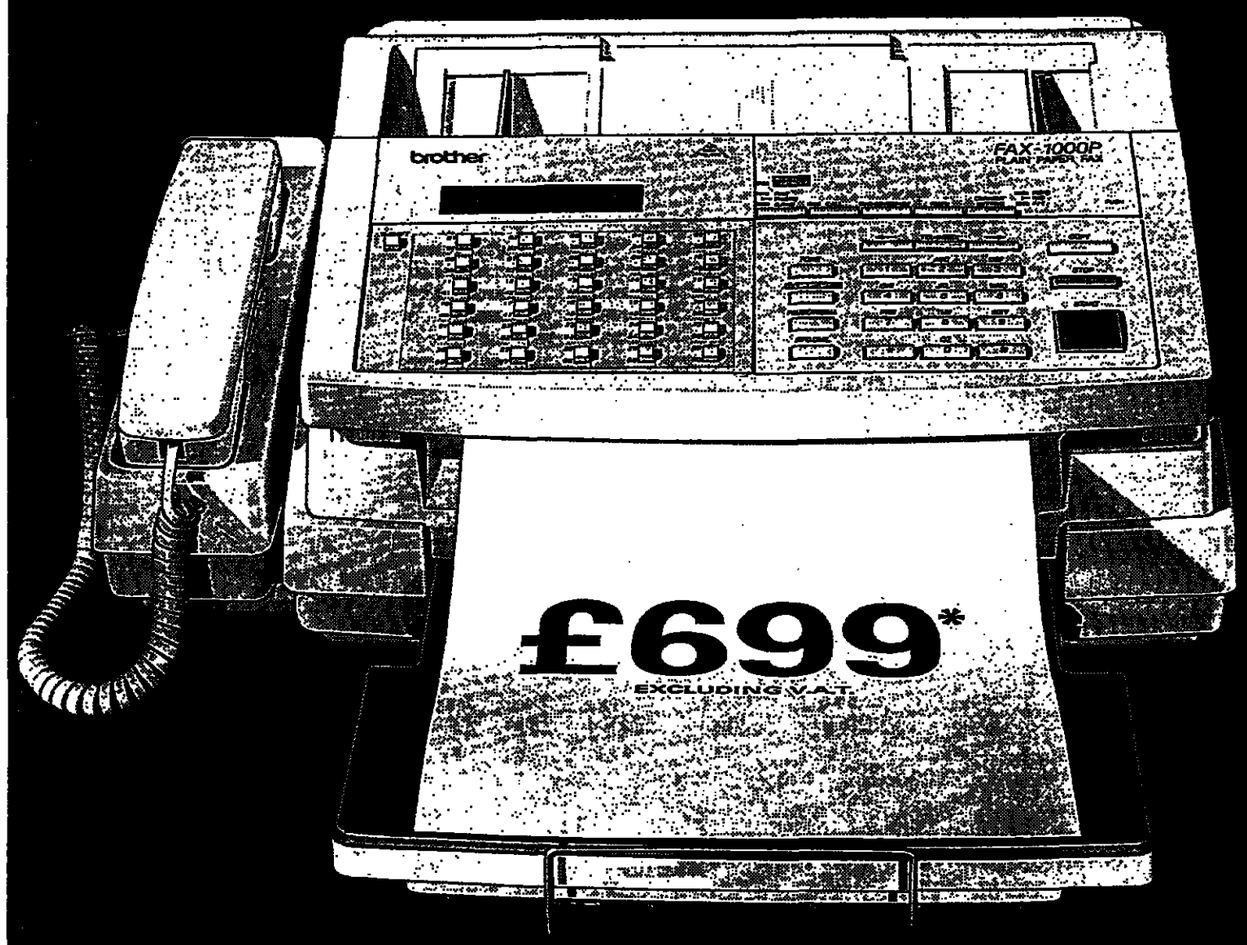
Paradoxically, if you are seeking a way forward for sucked-dry city centres, it is markets that once again supply it. Markets flourish when property values drop. The classic example in London was Camden Lock, where an entire neighbourhood was reinvigorated by stalls set up in the shadow of planning blight. Hope may even lie in the much-derided car boot sales.

One thing is certain about cities. You can shape them only by going with the grain of change, not by cutting across it. Cities live by change. That is why moralists down the ages have feared them. Often. I'm afraid, planners are just a latter-day variety of moralist.



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Doubts buried as £234m dream takes shape in jungle



Pergau dam site: amid the jungle, project for power

FROM JAMES PRINGLE AT THE PERGAU DAM

British engineers are taming Malaysia's tropical forest to provide power in the wilderness. Yet despite pledges to protect wildlife and rebuild the environment, a tide of criticism is rising

THE 2,600 engineers and labourers working on the £234 million British-financed Pergau dam project, amid mist-wreathed mountains in remote northeast peninsular Malaysia, feel they are in the calm eye of the storm as controversy swirls round the project in the British Parliament.

"We have done nothing wrong and have nothing to hide," a Scottish civil engineer said as he strode along a downward sloping tunnel, seemingly big enough for a cross-Channel train, 1,000 ft beneath lush tropical vegetation.

Entering a vast underground granite cavern, which might have been a setting for *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and where a three-ton TNT charge was primed for blasting so that a turbine can be housed, he added: "In fact, we are rather proud of this achievement, building a hydro-electric plant in the middle of thick jungle."

Pergau was lifted from the obscurity of remote Kelantan, the only state ruled by Malaysia's opposition Islamic PAS party, when a leading British civil servant branded the dam scheme, backed by John Major, as "unequivocally unsound". In addition, British environmental groups have claimed that the project is environmentally unsound.

The situation on the ground, far removed from the fevered atmosphere of Westminster, looks somewhat different however. Predictably, local businessmen are enthusiastic and young men in Kota Baharu, the austere state capital, say that they are eager to work here, despite the required six 12-hour shifts a week. Kelantan, after all, is not a booming state such as those around Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital. This is the old Anthony Burgess Malaya of poor kampongs, chador-wearing girls, and the Muslim priests calling the faithful to prayer five times a day.

There is concern about environment. Heavy floods and landslides along Malaysia's east-west highway — linking Kota Baharu with Penang, on the west coast — in late December, in which three Malaysian dam workers drowned, were blamed by locals on the dam work. "We need the work, but also care about environmental issues," a student said.

Yet driving to the fenced-off village of red corrugated-iron-roofed houses, where the expatriate workers of the two British contractors, Balfour Beatty and Cementation, are housed, one passes lorry after heavy lorry loaded with red meranti, a local hardwood. The tops of mountains here are denuded of trees, and most local people and, predictably, the dam site engineers, blame the floods on "out of control" logging. A small herd of elephants is moving deeper into the forest, engineers say, because of logging, not blasting. Government officials claim logging, some of which is being done along roads built to service the dam, is being brought under tighter control.

Touring the above-ground dam area with Eddie McEwan, the project director, it seemed the project, although inevitably the cause of minor environmental damage, was in no sense catastrophic. "Our impact in the long term is restricted to an area roughly equivalent to the size of St James's Park in London," a British engineer said. "We will reinstate everything. It will look quite nice when we have replanted bare patches with grass."

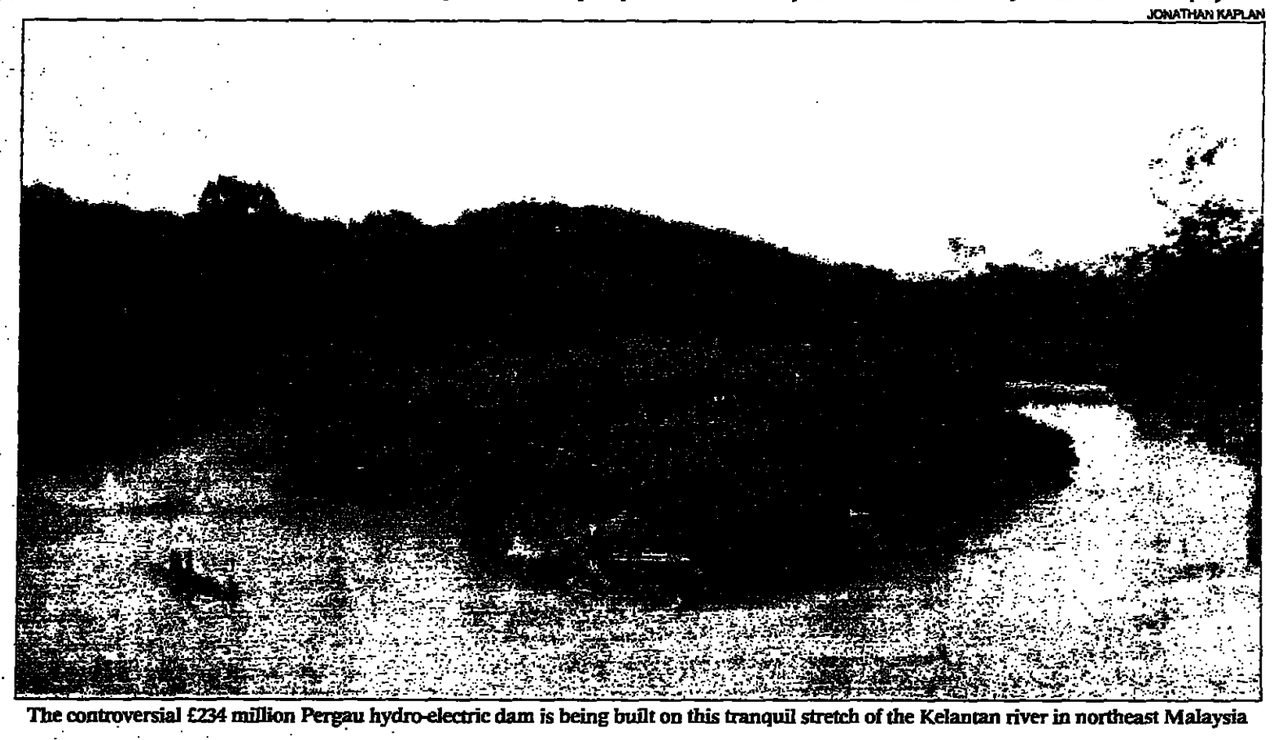
Some local subsistence farmers, who were working allegedly illegally on state land, were moved when work started in 1991 but were compensated. Zulkifle Osman, of the state electricity board, said. Some Orang Asli, or aboriginals, will continue to hunt on the periphery from a traditional jungle village near here. Until the collapse of communism, this area was sealed off because of its proximity to bases of the now defunct Communist Party of Malaya in nearby Thailand, so settlers were few.

"After all, we still have tons of forest in Malaysia — it covers three-quarters of the country," said Zakarja Mohammed Yusof, a lecturer taking his class of student quantity surveyors around the site, as he surveyed the future reservoir and pondered environment issues. Rusnari Nasir, 22, a quantity surveyor student with a hard-hat, said: "Environment matters should always be considered, but I think in this case there is only a minor effect, outweighed by the usefulness of the project".

JONATHAN KAPLAN

Hurd faces grilling on claims of arms link to Pergau dam

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR



The controversial £234 million Pergau hydro-electric dam is being built on this tranquil stretch of the Kelantan river in northeast Malaysia

THE British Government was yesterday facing growing embarrassment over persistent suggestions that companies involved in a controversial aid project in Malaysia benefited from a £1 billion arms agreement with the Malaysian government.

In the face of claims from Labour that the integrity of the Government is under scrutiny, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is due tomorrow to answer a Commons question from John Cunningham, his opposite number, asking whether there was any link between arms sales and the £234 million aid given to the Pergau dam project.

At the same time, the all-party Commons foreign affairs committee is expected to decide what action to take on the allegations. Any such link would be illegal under the Government's own rules.

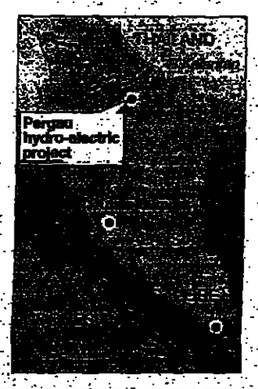
Labour MPs on the committee are expected to press for a full-scale investigation. Dr Cunningham said yesterday this would be highly appropriate. It would enable the committee to demand documents detailing opposition within Whitehall to the project, he said.

Senior Labour figures said yesterday that they had evidence from authoritative sources that the Government had reached a deal with the Malaysian government on the basis of aid and arms.

Sir Tim Lankester, permanent secretary at the Overseas Development Administration, divulged to the Commons public accounts committee last week that he had written to Mr Hurd and to Baroness Chalker, the Overseas Development Minister, saying that he could not approve the dam scheme.

Under fierce questioning in the Commons last week, Mr Major conceded that he had rejected the advice of senior civil servants to ensure that Britain won billions of pounds of contracts to Malaysia. The Government had been backing British business while all Labour could do was "carp and criticise", he said.

Yesterday *The Sunday Times* disclosed that secret documents showed negotiations for two military construction projects under the arms deal were going on at the same time as discussions on the dam. A former Malaysian Foreign Minister has said that aid was "undeniably linked" to arms purchases.



Former ministers have disclosed that the original arms deal caused a dispute between ministers, which was only resolved after a meeting in 1988 between Baroness Thatcher, then Prime Minister, and Lord Younger, then Defence Secretary.

The aid deal was finally approved by Mr Major and Mr Hurd in July 1991, despite the advice from officials that it was not sound. According to Labour sources, it was the first time that Mr Hurd had rejected the advice of his official "accounting officer."

Dr Cunningham said last night: "We have believed for some weeks now that the Pergau dam project payments raise very serious questions about the use of aid and the integrity of the Government.

"We will press the matter continuously. It is already clear that if this kind of event had occurred in local government — with the advice of the accounting officer being ignored — the councillors involved would be liable to personal surcharge and disqualification from office."

If the select committee decides on an investigation, it could mean further trouble for the Government. Mr Major and Mr Hurd could be invited to give evidence.

The decision to give the go-ahead for the project was made in February 1991 to honour promises made in 1989 by Lady Thatcher to Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, "and in the context of maintaining billions of pounds of British exports to Malaysia". These have totalled £5 billion since 1982 and doubled between 1988 and 1992.

Last week Sir Tim told the public accounts committee that Mr Major had overruled a memorandum from him warning that the aid package was "unequivocally a bad one in economic terms" and "an abuse of the programme". But Mr Major told the Commons: "It is about time the Opposition took a consistent position on these things."

Former ANC guerrilla campaigns in Soweto for de Klerk's party

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN SOWETO

AS THE South African election campaign moves into high gear, the National Party of President de Klerk has opened an office in the heart of Soweto to help it win support among township blacks. Even more remarkably, it has chosen as its Soweto representative an East German-trained former ANC guerrilla fighter, Veronda Banda, who was once arrested, tortured and imprisoned for trying to overthrow apartheid.

After much soul-searching, and to the dismay of some former "comrades", Mr Banda, 34, has now joined the white "enemy" and promotes the virtues of capitalism. In his sparsely furnished office near Soweto's Orlando railway station, Mr Banda attempts to explain his leap over the political fence. To understand, he says, you have to look back to the "sacrifices" he made during the armed struggle and his days as an angry young man.

After leaving school, Mr Banda says, he worked as a clerk in the law courts. He joined the ANC at the age of 17 and was involved in the 1976 Soweto uprising.

After a brief period in prison, he joined Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation) the military wing of the ANC. He underwent training in Angola, East Germany and Zimbabwe before returning to South Africa on a mission in 1982. But following a tip-off from informers he was arrested, tortured and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. He spent the next seven years on Robben Island with many of today's ANC leadership.

His release in 1990, soon after that of Nelson Mandela, marked the turning point in his political outlook. Although he remained a member of the ANC for the next two years, he grew increasingly disillusioned. There was widespread bitterness among the "comrades", he says, because the organisation provided little support. There were no benefits and no jobs.

Politically the ANC proved incompatible with his vision of the new South Africa. "Communism has not worked in other African countries and it is not going to work here," he argues. "This is a capitalist country. People will have more freedom if they remain under capitalism and they will be happier."

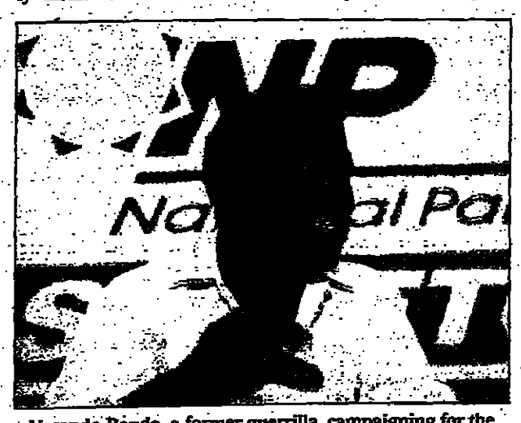
The National Party, he says, is the only party with the necessary economic and political "expertise". The leadership is strong and will manage the economy far better than the ANC. Unlike the ANC, they "know how to govern".

In the run-up to the April election it will be Mr Banda's task to convince fellow blacks of the "transparent assets" of the party he once tried to overthrow. He is planning an advertising campaign with posters and leaflets. There will be National Party "events" in the township.

Mr Banda claims many blacks, as well as whites, Indians and Coloureds, are saying they will vote ANC only because they feel intimidated. In the privacy of the voting booth, he suggests, it will be a different story: with a little persuasion, up to 20 per cent of blacks will vote for the National Party.

His views have not passed unnoticed by his former ANC comrades. Many have been critical, and some even say he is mad. Last weekend he appeared on a television discussion programme to defend himself against another former Umkhonto guerrilla.

However, he still has friends within the ANC and insists that others will come round to his way of thinking. "It is better to sleep with the devil you know than the devil you don't," he says.



Veronda Banda, a former guerrilla, campaigning for the Nationalist Party, which he once fought to overthrow

Army factions battle in Lesotho

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

HEAVY fighting erupted yesterday between rival military factions in Maseru, capital of Lesotho, and diplomats there said it appeared that a big offensive was under way.

A spokesman at the British High Commission said a considerable number of civilian wounded were being treated in hospital, but the number of military casualties was unknown. Bullets hit the home of Kevin Broadfoot, assistant director of the British Council in Lesotho, but neither he nor any member of his family was hurt.

The High Commission spokesman said: "There are about 600 British expatriates living and working in Lesotho and we have contacted them and urged them to stay indoors. There have been no reports of any of them being injured and there is no question at the moment of evacuation." A British Army training team, based in Lesotho as instructors to the Royal Lesotho Defence Force (RLDF), was keeping the High Commissioner informed about the situation.

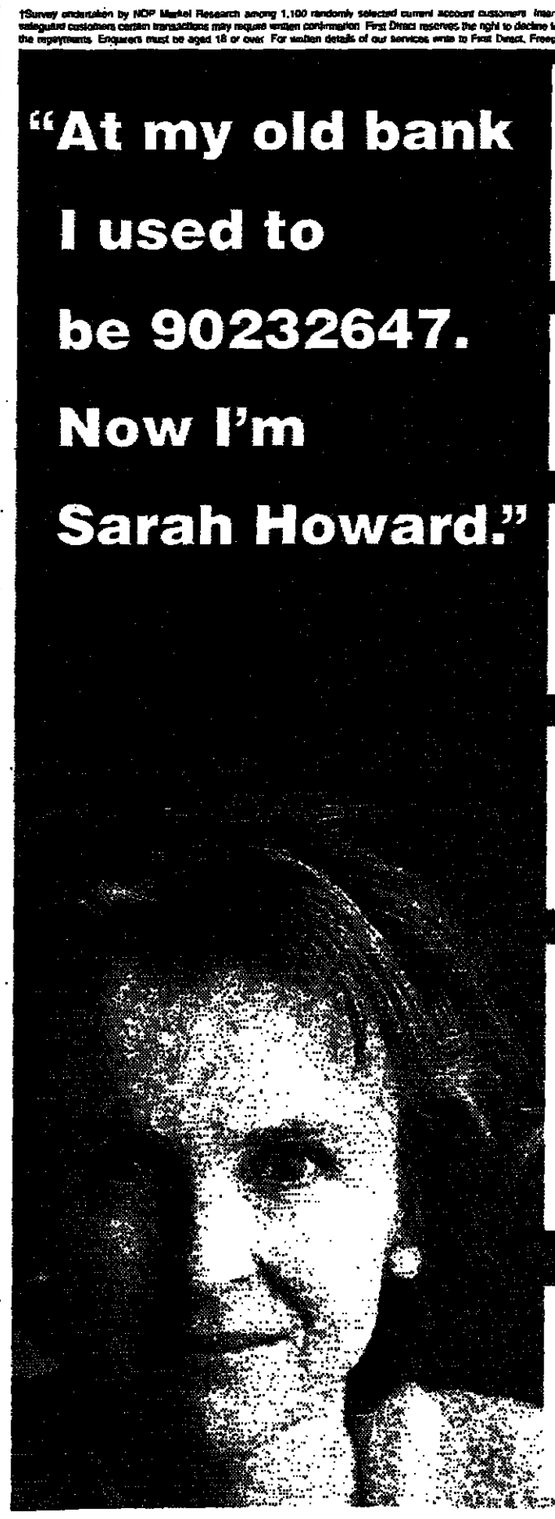
As dusk fell last night, heavy fighting flared up again after a short lull. Troops loyal to the government were believed to be battling against anti-government factions for control of a strategic ridge overlooking Maseru.

Soon after the outbreak of fighting South Africa closed its main border crossing-point into Lesotho. Civilian rule was restored in Lesotho last March after seven years of military dictatorship and there are growing fears that the deteriorating situation could threaten its return to democratic order. Clashes, which until yesterday had claimed the lives of four soldiers, broke out ten days ago between rival military groups, ostensibly over a demand by some troops for a 100 per cent pay rise. But this is being seen as a smokescreen for broader political goals, including the overthrow of the government of Ntsu Mokhehle, Leader of the Basotho Congress Party, which won an overwhelming victory in the election last March.

Troops from the Makoanyane barracks outside Maseru launched an attack at dawn yesterday on the RLDF headquarters. Automatic rifle and mortar fire continued almost non-stop for eight hours as the state radio broadcast appeals for people to stay off the streets. There were also reports of sustained fighting outside the town.

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Clinton talks of successes amid fresh sex tales

■ The President is asking that Congress judge him by his record in office as tales about his private life resurface to haunt him. Poll ratings offer him some cheer

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, in his State of the Union address tomorrow, will try to recapture the political high ground, which he has lost after a series of mishaps including the withdrawal of his nominee for Defence Secretary. There is also a daily drip of new allegations concerning marital infidelity and his links to an Arkansas financial scandal, which is being investigated by a special prosecutor.

None of these matters has yet damaged him in the poll ratings, which — with an approval level of more than 50 per cent — compare well with those of other former Presidents at the end of their first year in office. Tomorrow Mr Clinton will try to focus attention back on the political issues, which Americans feel most concerned about and which the White House considers have the greatest political mileage — the economic recovery and jobs, reform of the health sector, welfare reform and crime.

The applause Mr Clinton has received for his leadership in economic and social policy is marred by a continued barrage of new allegations about his private life and his conduct while Governor of Arkansas during the 1980s. The latest allegations were contained in a British newspaper yesterday, according to which he had an affair with a former Arkansas beauty queen in 1983. Most damaging of all were allegations that Mr Clinton, or someone claiming to represent him, had promised the woman a federal job in return for her silence during the 1992 presidential campaign. Asked to comment, a White House spokeswoman said yesterday that "the White House is not dignifying it with a response".

According to *The Sunday Telegraph*, Sally Perdue, who works as a supervisor in a home for the mentally retarded, said that, when Mr Clinton approached her house during their brief affair ten years ago, his state troopers would "pull up in a wooded area about 30 feet from the house and wait there. When Bill was ready to come out, he would signal using my patio light, flicking it on and off."

In one of the most revealing recent opinion polls, *US News & World Report* found that 52 per cent of Americans agree with the notion that every time they "start to feel good about the President, something negative comes up". This reflects a dichotomy between strong approval of the President's policies — especially his choice of the issues to be tackled — and scepticism, if not distrust, of Mr Clinton's personality.

In his weekly radio address on Saturday, Mr Clinton said that the projected budget deficit in 1995 is $180 billion (£120 billion), "lower even than our initial projections", which were for a deficit of $241 billion.

In the State of the Union message he is expected to reiterate his optimism about the economy and renew his call on Congress to bring every American under a health insurance umbrella. It will also be the first occasion on which Mr Clinton will not only propose new policies in front of Congress but defend his own record.



Perdue: gave details of an alleged affair

Heavy rain threatens to trigger mudslides

Los Angeles faces new misery

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

HOMELESS victims of last Monday's Los Angeles earthquake were coaxed out of makeshift encampments and into tent cities with room for 10,000 at the weekend as forecasts of heavy rain threatened new misery for the city in the shape of mudslides.

Army reservists worked flat out on Saturday to turn the San Fernando Valley's baseball ground into vast dormitories for the mainly black and Hispanic families who have refused or been unable to return to their homes. The decision to put up the tents, many of which saw service in Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf, was taken reluctantly in spite of the poor sanitation and likelihood of dysentery in the refugee camps. Tented cities put up after Hurricane Andrew hit Florida became semi-permanent, and police were eventually forced to evict some occupants.

The threat of mudslides comes from mountains denuded of vegetation in last November's bush fires.

Relief centres set up in Malibu and Topanga Canyon after the fires are still open and will try to meet any new emergency needs caused by mudslides, but another natural disaster now would overwhelm the already stretched resources of federal and state emergency management agencies.

Responding to angry criticism by earthquake victims, who queued for hours on Friday at "disaster application centres", only to be given appointments for mid-February, President Clinton released an additional $283 million (£190 million) in emergency relief funds on Saturday.

Henry Cisneros, the Secretary for Housing and Urban Development, defended the government's record since last Monday as faster and more comprehensive than the response to San Francisco's 1989 earthquake. After that disaster "five days out, not one single disaster application centre had been opened and not one person had been received into the system", Mr Cisneros said on NBC's *Today* programme yesterday.

By Saturday night 12 centres in the San Fernando Valley had received 17,000 applications for aid. Some applicants have already been given vouchers for new rented accommodation.

By Sunday the earthquake death toll had risen to 55. The estimated bill for repairs has remained steady at around $30 billion.



Maria Perez peers out from her temporary home in the boot of her family's car in Winnetka Park, Northridge, one of the areas hit hardest by last week's earthquake

NEWS IN BRIEF

Telly Savalas dead at 70

New York: Telly Savalas, 70, who died yesterday of prostate cancer, achieved such international fame as the lollipop-loving New York cop *Kojak* that even the Queen was a fan (James Bone writes). The answer to his trademark question: "Who loves ya, baby?" was: more than 100 million viewers who watched the series in 75 countries.

The bald Lieutenant Theo Kojak of Manhattan South was known in Germany as "the lion without a mane" and in Australia as the "lolly-cop". The Queen so enjoyed the show that she invited Savalas to a party in Washington when she toured America to commemorate the country's bicentenary in 1976.

Only Peter Falk as Columbo can challenge Kojak's claim to be the most famous television cop. Savalas, the son of a Greek immigrant to America, believed Kojak's international fame rested on his everyman appeal. He said: "There's something that 99.9 per cent of the world's population have in common, and that fact is that they're ordinary and alike. In Telly, they see that ordinariness and that alikeness, which in fact is theirs."

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Killed on duty

New York: Fifty-six journalists were killed while working last year, the Committee to Protect Journalists said here. Most of the deaths were in Algeria, Bosnia, Somalia and the former Soviet republics, it said. Another 16 deaths are being investigated. *(AP)*

Hariri visit

Beirut: Rafik Hariri, Lebanon's Prime Minister, has left on a four-day visit to Britain to try to attract investment to rebuild his country, ravaged by 15 years of civil war. His visit will be the first to the United Kingdom by a Lebanese leader since 1975. *(AP)*

Cheaper power

Rabat: Morocco has abolished import duty on solar energy equipment and windmills used to generate electricity to encourage renewable energy sources. The country currently imports 90 per cent of its energy raw materials. *(Reuter)*

Gaddafi offer

Tripoli: Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has suggested that the two Libyans wanted by the West for allegedly carrying out the 1988 Lockerbie bombing could be tried by the International Court of Justice in The Hague. *(AFP)*

Pardon at issue

Harare: President Mugabe of Zimbabwe has been subjected to an unusual level of criticism for pardoning two officials imprisoned for shooting and nearly killing Patrick Kombayi, an opposition politician, in 1990. *(Reuter)*

Crash kills five

Munich: A bus carrying Bavarian tourists to a ski resort skidded off a motorway in the foothills of the German Alps, killing five and injuring 26, some seriously. The crash happened about 50 miles southeast of Munich. *(Reuter)*

New minister

Brussels: Belgium's francophone Socialist Party replaced Guy Coeme, a deputy Prime Minister responsible for communications, who resigned over a corruption scandal, with Elio Di Rupo, formerly a regional minister. *(Reuter)*

Actor's pact

Los Angeles: Burt Reynolds, 57, the actor, and Loni Anderson, 47, have agreed a divorce settlement giving her $2 million (£1.3 million) and a holiday home. Custody of their adopted son Quinton, five, is yet to be arranged. *(AP)*

Peace hopes revive as PLO and Israel make headway

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THERE were indications yesterday that the Middle East peace process was firmly back on track, as Israel appeared to make headway in its stalled talks with the Palestinians and prepared to resume dialogue with its Arab neighbours.

The most positive signs emerged from weekend contacts between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which both reported progress after weeks of failed dialogue.

"I think we are plenty close to an agreement (with the PLO), but I prefer at this time not to enter into details," said Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, who met Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, in Oslo on Saturday. "Things they said 'no' to yesterday, they say require study today."

Although neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians would elaborate, reports in Israel suggested that Mr Peres had offered the PLO a compromise package to resolve outstanding issues of security, sovereignty and territory. Israel has apparently proposed to lower its profile at border crossings into the Palestinian autonomous regions and offered to let the Palestinians open a "tourist village" on the northern tip of the Dead Sea. The two sides were also said to be close to resolving security arrangements for Jewish settlers living in the Gaza Strip.

Mr Arafat, who embarked on a crucial fence-mending visit to Saudi Arabia yesterday, his first since the PLO backed Iraq in the Gulf War, said there were still points of difference but confirmed that the two sides had managed to overcome some obstacles.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, reiterated his offer to meet President Assad of Syria anywhere in the world to settle their half-decade of conflict. "I believe that such proposals were made ten times. I am ready to meet President Assad in Damascus, in Jerusalem, in any place on Earth in which we can meet to negotiate," the Israeli leader said, in a speech to 40 visiting American rabbis, who had just completed an unprecedented official visit to Jordan. "I don't put conditions to the meeting and I am not ready to accept conditions for such a meeting beyond what we are committed to."

Although Syria was in mourning over the weekend after the death of President Assad's son, Bassel, the government-controlled media confirmed that negotiations with Israel on a "land for peace" deal over the Golan Heights would be resumed as scheduled.

As President Assad's eldest son was buried on Saturday, in a funeral attended by several Arab leaders as well as 100,000 mourners, Syrians and diplomats expressed fears of political instability in Damascus.

In southern Lebanon a militiaman serving with the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army was killed when a roadside bomb was exploded near his foot patrol by guerrillas belonging to the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement.

Firemen die in Argentine forest blaze

FROM AFP IN PUERTO MADRYN

TWENTY-ONE volunteer firefighters died at the weekend when they were trapped while trying to bring a forest fire under control in south-eastern Argentina.

Officials said a sudden wind shift caught the firemen off guard and they were caught in a ring of fire. Police said the toll might be higher because several people were missing.

Victoriano Salazar, the mayor, declared three days of mourning in this port city of 55,000 people. Relatives milled about outside the city hall as bodies, some charred beyond recognition, were brought in from the forest.

More than 100 firemen, some just teenagers working as apprentices, fought 65 ft flames along a ten-mile front when the wind changed. At first it was believed that some of the firemen had retreated from the main front to a secondary one. "First we found their shovels, then their helmets, and finally their bodies," officials said.

Gunmen shoot 32 at Colombia rally

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BOGOTÁ

GUNMEN, believed to be left-wing guerrillas, fired automatic weapons at political rivals in northwest Colombia yesterday, killing at least 32 and injuring eight, the authorities said.

The attack, in the town of Apartado, 300 miles from Bogotá, was the bloodiest in Colombia in more than five years. About 200 people have been killed in political violence in the past year in the Apartado region, where left-wing factions are vying for political control.

Ramón Gil, the acting Defence Minister, told reporters that the attack occurred after the victims, members of the Hope, Peace and Freedom Party founded by former guerrillas, held a rally to campaign for the national elections in March.

Señor Gil claimed that some of the victims had been picked according to a "death list" that the killers brought with them. Details of the purported death list were not immediately available.

Witnesses said about 20 gunmen, their faces daubed with camouflage paint, appeared as the party members were celebrating in the street. The gunmen, some wearing civilian clothes and others in uniform, surrounded the party members and opened fire, witnesses said.

"When I heard someone shout the guerrillas had arrived, I began to run and had to struggle with two of them. They could have killed me, but I managed to escape," Eduard Salas told a radio reporter. He suffered a gunshot wound.

The killers were members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc), Señor Gil said. The group backs the Communist Party and the Patriotic Union Party, which risk losing political control over the region to the Hope, Peace and Freedom Party.

In November 1988, 43 people were killed by right-wing death squads in the western Colombian town of Segovia.

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British aid success sharpens Hurd's dilemma

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, and Anthony Loyd in Vitez

■ The Foreign Secretary has pledged that British troops will stay in Bosnia throughout the winter despite all obstacles. The final fate of the allied military and aid effort will be decided in the spring

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who at the weekend toured the muddy, frozen barracks from which British troops guard the main aid route into central Bosnia, is to begin consultations with allied governments on whether to pull out British United Nations forces this spring.

Britain is the political, diplomatic and military lynchpin of Western deployment in Bosnia. The main functioning route from the coast through the snow-covered mountains is maintained and patrolled by British forces. Any British decision on staying or leaving may be decisive in influencing others, such as the Spanish and Canadians, also in Bosnia. Aid agencies have issued warnings that without UN protection only a fraction of the essential aid is likely to get through the expected upsurge in fighting.

Before leaving Split on Saturday, Mr Hurd promised that British forces would remain throughout the winter and would not pull out unilaterally. His talks with military commanders, his drive along the precipitous "Route Diamond" road, backed through the mountains by British engineers, and his overnight stay in the spartan Vitez barracks have heightened his dilemma, however. The long-term arguments for withdrawal have been sharply undermined by the very success of British efforts to keep people alive.

Mr Hurd will fly later this month to America for talks with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, and Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State. He will also have talks with the French, Spanish and Canadian governments. His talks will be held against a background of growing dissatisfaction among aid agencies and military commanders with the political paralysis that has prevented any action by the allies. Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, the outgoing Belgian UN Protection Force commander, spoke yesterday of a "fantastic crisis" caused by unimplemented resolutions and the need for more troops to protect convoys. Tomorrow the Canadian parliament will debate Canada's participation in peacekeeping.

Mr Hurd, his shoes caked in mud after his long drive through the winter landscape of pines, snowy mountains and frozen lakes, said Britain had done a "useful job" in keeping people alive. While no one has yet doubted the competence of the British battalion in attempting to fulfil the UN mandate, its effectiveness has been curtailed by the restrictions of both the mandate and situation.

To the Balkan warlords who control the fragmented land, aid is a weapon of war. While it piles high at the main UN warehouse at Metkovic on the Croatia-Herzegovina border, its journey inland across the vicious factionalised front-lines is wrought with obstruction. Though the mandate has changed subtly from one of "escorting convoys" to one of "facilitating the delivery of aid" to allow the UN greater flexibility in its operations, the UN remains powerless in the face of simple roadblocks manned usually by ragged militiamen and their anti-tank mines, intent on preventing food reaching their enemies beyond. Nor is the UN responsible for the direct distribution of aid to the people who need it. This is the task of local authorities, often corrupt or controlled by the militias. The result is that too often it is only the affluent and the armed who are fed. "Once we've handed it (aid) over, we cannot stand guard over it," Larry Hollingworth, head of UNHCR depot for central Bosnia in Zenica, said. "If more than a small amount goes into the army and some of it goes onto the black market we are furious, but there is very, very little we can do about it."

☐ **Belgrade:** The National Bank of Yugoslavia will today release "super dinar" banknotes, backed by gold, intended to form the cornerstone of an economic recovery plan designed to combat hyperinflation. *(Reuter)*



Mr Hurd being greeted at Split on his way to visit the British battalion in Vitez at the weekend

New party vies for German protest vote

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

MANFRED Brunner, German champion of the anti-Maastricht cause, triggered controversy yesterday by setting up the Association of Free Citizens, a centre-right party that will contest European and general elections.

Dr Brunner's initiative has rattled established parties like the ruling Christian Democrats (CDU) and its coalition partner, the small Free Democrats, who fear that the former European Community aide will absorb hundreds of thousands of protest votes. Some politicians are also saying that the party will be used by the far right as a covert way into parliament.

In an interview at the weekend, Dr Brunner fiercely denied that charge. "We will turn away as a matter of fundamental principle all former republicans or former members of parties from the extreme fringes of the political spectrum." Nonetheless, Dr Brunner's close friendship with Jörg Haider, an Austrian nationalist who has praised Hitler's employment policies, has raised the suspicion that he is out to catch the many conservatives who are dissatisfied with the CDU.

Herr Haider estimates that Dr Brunner could win about 15 per cent of the vote. "He has good chances at the European elections and if he wants me to, I am prepared to give him my full support."

The party is only one of a number of protest parties that have been springing up to profit from widespread disillusionment with the mainstream parties. In Hamburg, the Statt Party, composed mainly of disaffected Christian Democrats, won a critical chunk of the votes in state elections and now plans to expand nationwide. These parties claim that they are good for democracy because they are aimed at representing people who might otherwise refuse to vote or who might cast their ballots for the far-right Republicans.

Dr Brunner's party is given the best chance of success. Its programme is not much different from Dr Brunner's former party, the Free Democrats: it is strongly for the free market, for restraining state interference in everyday life, and for deregulation. But, unlike the established parties, it is firmly against a single European currency. That may prove to be the big vote winner in the European elections.

"Opinion poll researchers have told me that 85 per cent of Germans reject the Ecu, yet all the established parties are for it," Dr Brunner said. Only the extreme right has so far made a rallying call out of the defence of the mark.

☐ **Rome:** A breakaway group from the old Christian Democrats launched a new centre-right party, the Christian Democrat Centre, after the relaunch of their former party as the Popular Party. Italian neo-Fascists also launched the National Alliance to soften their extremist image and challenge the left in the March general election. *(Reuter)*

Briton takes command of UN force in Bosnia

By Joel Brand in Sarajevo and Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE arrival yesterday of a British general with a legendary reputation to take command of United Nations forces in Bosnia has raised expectations of a tough approach in dealing with the obstructive warlords from the three factions.

The achievements of Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the 54-year-old former SAS chief, will, however, depend much more on the vagaries of his political masters in New York and in European capitals than his personal instincts and judgments in the field. Too many UN generals have already fallen foul of the vacillating mood of the policy-makers; many of whom have never visited Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In many ways commanding 12,000 UN troops in Bosnia is an impossible mission, especially now that governments who have sent infantry battalions are talking openly of withdrawing in the spring or early summer. The hint of a UN pullout will make the civilian victims of the war even more antagonistic towards the troops.

UN officers could do no more yesterday than visit the Sarajevo suburb where six children were killed on Saturday while they were out tobogganing and playing with snowballs. The Serbs are assumed to have been behind the attack, although this has been denied.

The UN has no response when Serbs shell civilians, even children. Their mission is just to feed the people, if the Serbs will allow it. Everyone in Sarajevo knows if the UN leaves the only difference is that no one will confirm the calibre of the shells.

A blood-stained wooden sled still sat awkwardly parked, ten yards from the fresh mortar crater, conspicuously abandoned. It could be used to transport water, to play on or to be burned for warmth. Even in Sarajevo no one can take such a thing. On Saturday the snow-white fields and parking lot in front of building number 5 were filled with children playing. The first mortar shell fell beyond the children, sending them scurrying for cover. The second shell landed right in their tracks as they headed for a block of flats, killing four and wounding three others. A third shell killed two more.

Four children were killed yesterday during a mortar attack on a playground in the Croat-held region of Mostar in southwest Bosnia. Six other people were wounded.

The UN proposed yesterday that an inspector should be appointed to maintain discipline among its peacekeepers after a UN investigation confirmed charges of black-marketeering and other abuses by UN forces.

☐ **Belgrade:** Serbs in the breakaway Krajina region of Croatia voted yesterday in a run-off presidential election whose importance has been heightened by a rapprochement pact between Belgrade and Zagreb. Milan Marfic, who is backed by President Milosevic of Serbia, is running against Milan Babic, a former President of the self-proclaimed Republic of Serb Krajina. *(Reuter)*

Air strike call, page 1



A sledge decorated with flowers stands as a forlorn testament to the six children killed by a shell while playing in the snow on Saturday in the Sarajevo suburb of Alipasno Polje. It is believed that the mortar was fired from Serb positions, although Serbs have denied this



Rose: former SAS commander-in-chief

Lights dim for Barrault, eagle of French stage

From Charles Bremner in Paris

The theatres of Paris dimmed their lights and paid tribute at the weekend to Jean-Louis Barrault, the eagle-featured actor-director whose grace soared over the French stage for a half century.

"Louis XIV was the Sun King. Barrault was a Sun Actor who illuminated everything he touched in that great festival which is theatre," Francis Huster, a fellow actor, told the audience before a performance at the Marigny theatre on the Champs Elysées, the house which Barrault made famous in the 1950s, along with his wife Madeleine Renaud. Barrault died in his sleep on Saturday aged 83.

Similar tributes were voiced across the Seine on the stage at the Odeon, the state-financed theatre which Barrault ran until he was dismissed in 1968 by André Malraux, President de Gaulle's Culture Minister. He had allowed occupation by rioting students and had sent a message to the government saying: "I am your servant, but not your valet." Barrault was long ago forgiven by the Gaullists and Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, called him "one of the greatest figures of French culture in this century."

Barrault was best known abroad as Baptiste, the mime in Marcel Carné's 1944 film *Les Enfants du Paradis*, a work which many consider the greatest in the French cinema. Yesterday, Carné, who is now 87, called Barrault a "fanatic of the theatre" who to his credit did not despise cinema. Asked once why he preferred the stage to cinema, Barrault replied: "Because I prefer to make love in bed rather than by correspondence."

Even more than for Laurence Olivier, his British equivalent, the stage had been Barrault's obsession since the 1930s when he teamed up with Renaud, his companion in the French theatre's most celebrated partnership.

Barrault said he founded his company to bring new light after the "winter" of German occupation. He was remembered as a classical technician — his Hamlet of the 1940s was the last on the stage of the Comedie Francaise, and Offenbach's *La Vie Parisienne* was one of his specialities.

Friends said Barrault, the son of a suburban chemist, had lost his appetite for life since old age forced him and Renaud to leave the theatre, the "enterprise of joy" as he described the profession.

A few years ago, Barrault said he had dreamed of his death, describing his soul departing like a "wisp of smoke spiralling from a pretty English cigarette". He was found dead in his Paris flat by Amidou, his Moroccan servant. "I broke the news very gently to Madame, who was in the next room. But she hasn't really been able to take it in yet."

Renaud, who is 93, had spent the previous day lying beside her husband "as if they were expecting something to happen," the servant said. In a 1984 book, Renaud wrote: "If I had been a man, I would have wanted to be like Jean-Louis — a man with no flaw in his humanity, zero faults of the heart."

Austrian leader must choose mistress or job

From Douglas Hamilton in Vienna

PRESIDENT Klestil of Austria, under pressure to choose between his mistress and his job, yesterday promised to sort out his personal problems and end a growing scandal without delay.

Herr Klestil's wife, Edith, left him this month because of his relationship with Margot Loeffler, a Foreign Ministry aide whose duties brought her close to the President. "My private problems have not become easier," he told Sunday's mass-circulation *Neue Kronen-Zeitung*, "but it's in my very own best interest to solve them quickly."

Herr Klestil, 61, a career diplomat allied to the conservative People's Party, was elected President in 1992, replacing Kurt Waldheim, whose term of office was overshadowed by allegations of war crimes. Rumours of a split between him and his wife were kept dark by an unusually restrained tabloid press until he admitted last week that his wife had moved out after 37 years of marriage.

A day later photographs of Frau Loeffler were splashed across front pages. Now, with wild reports of a "love nest" in the federal presidency office for military emergencies, the scandal has become fully blown, with suggestions in the media that Frau Loeffler be given some foreign embassy post far away from Vienna.

"Thomas Klestil must decide. Either he wants to enjoy private life with his female colleague or continue in office." Maria Graff, a member of the People's Party women's group, said at the weekend. She said Herr Klestil had won the presidential election by using his wife to portray himself as a happy family man, "which was not true".

"This was a dirty trick to play on the Austrian people," Frau Graff said, adding that the President should have resolved his "hormone crisis" with his wife. *(Reuter)*



Klestil: admitted his wife had moved out

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It is strangely reassuring to be told by the Yard that we have criminal geniuses in our midst

More tea, Mr Moriarty?



LIBBY PURVES

Ugh. Dull, enervating January weather, with nothing but February to look forward to. What we need is a new parlour-game to keep us alert and happy. So God bless Scotland Yard, who, through a "source" last week, have provided us with just the thing. Pick the Villain, we may call it: an age-old game, related to Beggar my Neighbour by way of Spot the Ball.

Now, thanks to the Yard, it is updated and made available for the enlivenment of select kitchen-supper parties, and for those arid marital evenings when *Middlemarch* is between episodes, both parties have thick colds and the most innocuous conversation always seems to come round to the shortcomings of the family budget and is therefore best not embarked upon.

What the "source", also referred to as a "senior police officer", said was that there are in Britain some 400 "Mr Bigs": top crooks, Napoleons of crime, manipulators of lesser villains and generals of gang warfare. And — here's the beauty of it — these 400 have invented themselves façades so respectable that it is virtually impossible to spot them. They may appear to have made their money in honest ways, but underneath they are violent, unscrupulous, and treacherous crime-lords who may well have started out as armed robbers. Listen to this: "Their discreet houses have well-tended lawns", said the report. "They support the local church fête ... their children attend all the right schools, they may even be school governors."

Whoopee! Surely I am not alone in welcoming the idea of a leavening of Moriarties in our cosy, middle-class midst? Not that one endorses crime, you understand; it is just that after years of balefully wondering how our neighbours seem so well-off compared with us, we now have permission to surmise that they are international villains rather than just good managers and sensible savers. Which is a relief.

Is it not delightful to ponder the sinister side of the golf club committee? To consider all those affable red-faced chaps with ride-on lawnmowers, who may never have seen the inside of a prison (except perhaps, piquantly, on JP training courses): men who have no scars, no dark glasses, not even a sheepskin car-coat, and yet who hide dark secrets Conan Doyle would be proud of? Those school governors, vice-commodores and churchwardens who started out in life with nothing but a shooter and a nasty nature, and who may any minute get the Five Orange Pips at the breakfast-table?

Their great skill, said the obliging Yard man, is "to make the source of the money look legitimate, and so they create paperwork to show that they have made that money". Things have moved on from the Agatha Christie world in which all you had to do was scatter around a few Benares brass elephants and claim to have made money out East.

Today it could be "haulage, retail, commodities, property" or something charmingly vague like "Europe". But all the time it is very dodgy money indeed which they are dozzling to the new Scout hut and spending at the garden centre. You see why I am so thrilled?

For while the French prefer to speculate about one another's sex lives, the great recreation of the British bourgeoisie has always been to mutter: "I don't know *how* they manage it ... mystery to me where the money comes from." This discontented obbligato generally continues: "... I mean; he's not that bright, she only mucks about with that craft shop, but there they are, that huge house, four at boarding-school and ski-ing again! Sarah saw their curtain material two months later in a sale, and it was still forty quid a metre — hand-blocked! Perhaps there's money on her side of the family? They keep pretty quiet about it."

Since these speculations are generally voiced by people so ill-at-ease with actual finance that they get lost two minutes into *Moneybox* and need their teenage children beside them as they heavy-breathe their way through *Weekend Money*, it used to be possible to conclude these speculative sessions with: "Well, it must be Lloyd's."

Now that this explanation seems less likely, we have been brought perilously close to admitting that our strangely rich acquaintances are just cleverer, better-paid and less wasteful than ourselves. Which is a lowering reflection.

But no longer. We may now comfortably assume that they are closet Mr Bigs, forever sending off coded messages to secret henchmen with flat noses and sawn-off shotguns, and laundering Old Masters in the backstreets of Amsterdam when they pretend to be in Gstaad. Sometimes we may get titillating confirmation, as in a very curious remark dropped in a northern county last winter, by a deputy Lord Lieutenant to his local MFH: "If you get any trouble with the hunt sabs, do call me. I know some chaps who could help to — ah — explain things to them."

A whole hinterland shimmers tantalisingly, tantalisingly, behind this dull old butler. What could be meant? But such clues are rare. Mainly, we can just peacefully enjoy our vague conviction that only the wicked prosper. Because that means that if we are broke, it must be because we are so good.

In search of Southgate Man



ROBIN MAGSON

Changing times in Southgate: a quiet village street in Middlesex at the turn of the century (left) and (right) a traffic-choked suburban highway, in which little seems to have survived. Inset, Michael Portillo

Michael Portillo called for a crusade to revitalise our institutions. **Matthew d'Ancona** went to his constituency to find out if anyone is answering the call

Fourteen Underground stops is a long way in London. Board the Piccadilly Line in the West End and in half an hour you can be in Southgate, the epitome of suburbia. It is quiet here: no longer Middlesex and not quite London, this is a place most people drive through on their way somewhere else.

Southgate is also Michael Portillo's constituency: a link which is beginning to draw unwelcome attention to the area. Suburbanites do not enjoy collective celebrity. Yet there is much to learn from the people who live in subdued communities like this. When Mr Portillo called for a crusade to revitalise national morale earlier this month — in a speech which electrified Conservative MPs — he provoked a series of questions about Britishness which only ordinary citizens can answer. If such a crusade is to be fought it will be waged by the "little platoons" of which Burke spoke rather than the great departments of State or the liberal élite whose opinions Mr Portillo so scorned.

Unlike its high-profile MP, Southgate has little interest in ideology. Before the Second World War, most of its councillors were independent and party politics has never been a central part of life here. Last year, the Tory-controlled council caused a stir by passing a vote against VAT on fuel. As an apparent snub to Mr Portillo, it made headlines. But the truth is that the vote got through on the nod without discussion or incident, passed by a council which shies away from ideological argument.

The essence of N14 has always been respectability, a discretion which tends towards anonymity. These are the streets and parks that Stevie Smith paced, plotting the suburban adventures of her literary alter ego Pompey Casmilus. She loved the "briskness, shrewdness, neighbourliness, the civic sense and *No Nonsense*" of the place. This ethos has survived in many respects. As you approach Southgate from Muswell Hill, the Montessori nurseries give way to residential homes. There are fewer chic restaurants. The people on the streets are older and more likely to be off to a Rotary Club gathering than a Charter 88 meeting.

Yet the sleepiness is deceptive, disguising the various dislocations which have left Southgate in a curious limbo. There is less stability here than one might suppose. It is a place of shifting, fluid boundaries.

In 1965, the borough of Southgate ceased to be part of Middlesex and was absorbed by the new Enfield local authority. The council has kept the name Middlesex as an ornament on its road signs — but the tug of the metropolis is a more powerful force.

"A lot of older people are still not happy about the move out of Middlesex," says Mariah Ashby, a member of the local Tory association and retired executive. "It was a question of wanting to live outside London. We weren't part of it, but we certainly are now. Life has got faster."

Much as the people of Southgate value what remains of their village independence, they are always at the mercy of the official draughtsman. Proposals to redraw the boundaries of Enfield borough tabled four years ago would have pushed 10,000 homes into Haringey at the stroke of a pen. "The hostility to the whole thing was enormous," says Jeff Rodin, a Labour councillor.

But Southgate's borders have not only moved over the years. They have also become permeable. Few in the borough of Enfield complain that its schools attract pupils from other areas. They are less sure about the homeless families that have flocked here to find cheap accommodation; nor are they happy about the flight of investment from the area's manufacturing base. Unemployment is already much higher than the London average. "We're in danger of becoming an inner-city area outside the inner city," one Tory councillor says.

Compared with other parts of London, the area also offers fewer institutions to cling to. There has never been a significant trade union presence here, nor strong regimental links. Though a few hundred still turn out to cheer on Enfield Football Club in its Diadora League matches, most support teams outside the old borough. The biggest sporting draw in Southgate is still Saracens rugby club, but the team has plans to move out of the area.

As change accelerates, so does the yearning for stability. Southgate has a booming nostalgia industry. Alan Dumayne, the acknowledged expert on the area, has sold 14,000 copies of his three local history books; talks on the subject can attract audiences of 400 or more.

To some extent, of course, this reflects a longing for a sense of community that no longer exists. Changes in patterns of everyday life mean that a working person may be more likely to identify with his workplace than with his locale. The Reverend Christopher Foster, vicar of Christ Church in Southgate for the past seven years, doubts that the idea of a reified "community" has much meaning.

"In what sense is there such a thing?" he asks. "People talk about Southgate village, but there are few focal points. Local government doesn't give us one. The Church is one of the few things that might play that role — but I wouldn't want to over-emphasise that point." Christ Church has a healthy congregation of 300 on a Sunday. But Mr Foster argues that boom and recession have shifted the focus of his parishioners' lives away from the neighbourhood to the home and the office.

Yet as communities fragment they also seek new forms of cohesion. Schools, in particular, seem to be assuming the role played by churches a century ago as the natural focus of local loyalty. Parents have been given powers to run or even set up their own schools; heads have been granted independence. Pupil catchment areas are the new parish boundaries.

Southgate schools never have trouble filling vacancies on their governing bodies. Broomfield School, which opted out of town hall control in September, is typical. According to its head, Ian Lucas, the change has strengthened neighbourhood bonds. "There is a sense among people that it is their school," he says. "The local shopkeepers come in regularly. You get known as a head and people stop and talk to you."

But the strongest expression of corporate identity in Southgate is to be found in its conservationist campaigns. The borough of Enfield has at least ten green or preservationist organisations committed to the protection of the local environment. There is no green *politics* to speak of in Southgate: this is a more elemental concern, binding old age pensioners to housewives to younger activists, a culture which permeates the life of the old borough.

"It's the greenness that defines the area," says Richard Wilmot, organiser of a petition to save an area in Oakthorpe Road from development. "It's an important issue for citizens who wouldn't normally be involved in environmental campaigning groups. They are often the most vociferous."

There are local and historic reasons for the stirring of this conservationist instinct in Southgate: it has a tradition of responsible greenery and resistance to development. Yet the search for a sense of community in these conservationist issues is not peculiar to the area; it reflects a growing civic concern in Britain's cities and suburbs about the quality of the environment. The political philosopher John Gray has argued that the next phase of British Conservatism will be green-tinged. Southgate Man would probably agree with him.

There are no straightforward answers to the questions posed by Mr Portillo. There are no obvious levers which a politician may pull to revive the nation's morale. Yet the dynamics of his own constituency suggest that the fragmentation, dislocation and cynicism he described in his speech are only half the picture. Under pressure, communities find new expression for their concerns, new ways to rebuild themselves. This is the challenge that national politicians must rise to; and hearding back from Southgate to the heart of Government, you can almost hear the new platoons begin their quiet march.

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After years of minimalism and bare faces, haute couture has rediscovered unashamed glamour



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

In the mid-1980s haute couture led the way forward for fashion. It lit the route with bright ideas, created, for the most part, by one man, Christian Lacroix. It was Lacroix who illuminated the ready-to-wear market with his energetic mix of paintbox colours, and garish patterns. He became fashion's new hope.

The influence of Lacroix, and thereby couture, faded away as the 1980s "dress-for-excess" ethic lost its sheen. Understatement became *the* fashion statement. Hemlines dropped. Supermodels were usurped by their little sisters. Superstar make-overs looked obvious and offensive compared with subtle, bare-faced beauty. And couture? Couture just seemed to have lost the plot.

But fashion twists and turns, and hemlines are once again rising, heels are high, and everyone is talking about the return of glamour, of modern romance, of Lacroix.

During last week's couture shows for spring/summer 1994, it was Christian Lacroix who received a standing ovation for his new collection. Deservedly so. The lavish workmanship was as breathtaking as ever. However, what made his collection great was the way he once again embraced fashion, working its motifs into the weary world of haute couture. A handwoven pastel plaid coat, cut with the flute of an upturned champagne glass, seemed simply chic. Teamed with a pair of metallic leather shorts, and sequinned T-shirt, it looked brave and fresh. Throughout the show, equally unexpected combinations fused with fabulous results.

"I wanted to return to some of my excesses", Lacroix wrote in the show's programme. "The mixtures of materials, prints, woven fabrics, colours, directly borrowed from street culture. A cross-bred look, devoid of the taboos of so-called good taste."

It is this multifarious mix, this mélange of ideas, which identifies fashion as modern, and fills it with the spirit of the moment. This season, the very best moments of couture were overflowing with ideas consistent with fashion's mood: skirts were short; fabrics were fluid; and the singular inspiration for designers was a perverse diversity.

Six designers brandished the same handful of allusions, yet each managed to create collections revealing his personal taste, and fashion forte: Gianni Versace (ultra-modern), Valentino (romantic), Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel (wacky), Gianfranco Ferre for Dior (flamboyant), Michel Klein for Guy Laroche (intellectual) and Lacroix (eclectic).

Each responded to the moment, slickly patchworking together apparently disparate images. There were historical references (mostly the years of the Parisian Directoire); futuristic metallics; tea-stained lace; bold graphics; drapery; lingerie; cigarette girls and, in Versace's case, home-boys.

Versace transformed the bib 'n' brace fastening of dungarees into haute couture, with a collection blending old and new. Sensuous bias-cut sheaths shared the spotlight with liquid-silver mini dresses and suits, invariably hanging from the tough-looking straps. Even his overblown ballgowns were held up in the same way. Hard-edged couture for the 1990s.

Fellow Italian Valentino created impeccably pretty dresses, as featherweight as the skimpiest lingerie. Tea-stained, or what Valentino refers to as "onionskin", silk was cut into flippy slip dresses. These were often topped by sheer jackets, which save for impeccable beadwork and embroidery, would almost have been invisible. Quite, quite stunning.

Despite the deliberately foolish attention-seeking antics favoured by Karl Lagerfeld, he actually showed some really great daytime suits in the collection he creates for Chanel.

Lagerfeld followed his Chanel ready-to-wear line, offering long, lean jackets over short, sharp skirts. Michel Klein also created some great short looks for Guy Laroche. Strong clean shapes are favourite with Klein, so his tunics over pants, and tiny mini skirts, had a fashionably stark feel.

Eveningwear was equally reserved (for couture), the best being darkly shaded Eastern-inspired beaded kaftans over trousers, and his wraparound column dresses.

Gianfranco Ferre sculpts fabric like a magician. For Dior, in a collection called, "Summer Paradox", he used every trick. A collar swirled into vast puff sleeves on an empire-line sheath; and billowing bustles exploded from behind a seemingly slender silhouette. Like Lacroix, Ferre is also a fan of excess. Even the spiky heels of the model's shoes were beaded beyond belief.

In 1994, haute couture may not appear terribly tasteful, or particularly politically correct for that matter, but as the fashion pendulum already begins to swing back from basics and heads in the direction of the glamorous and theatrical, it might as well brighten the journey.

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Matthew Parris



■ A giant dugout canoe is the unlikely vehicle for one of the most exciting short journeys you will find anywhere

We left Mapiri by canoe. Three hours and 80 miles later we arrived — wet, sunburnt and exhilarated — in Guanay. This was the happiest and most exciting short journey of my life.

Mapiri is a one-horse town — two, in fact: I counted. It lies on the banks of the Rio Mapiri at the point where that river pauses after its headlong rush 12,000ft down the sides of the Andes, eddies a while in pools and mudbanks, and makes up its mind to be a grown-up river. The town sits at the toes of the Andes, the Amazon basin before it, the Andean peaks — Illiampu, 21,000ft — snow-capped and visible behind it. One great long leg of the mountains extends from Illiampu down to Mapiri: a 30-mile ridge down which we had just walked in a week's trek about which I hope to write later.

Mapiri is a goldmining town, for a minor gold rush is on in the Andes at present. Behind its cobbled streets are the shops and stalls where they will sell you picks, rope, carbon lamps and dynamite. It's a friendly place, full of little tin-shack restaurants where you can pay in gold; bespectacled gentlemen behind desks with delicate weighing machines; and smiling prostitutes in the doorways. Here, too, gold will do nicely. The generator stops at 10pm. After that, only the hiss of Tilley lamps and the whine of mosquitoes disturbs the heavy tropical night. Oh — and the dogs. A very randy Pekinese must once have holidayed in Mapiri. *All* the dogs are half-Pekinese. At our lodging-house (mud-walled cells with tin beds and one sheet, for a dollar a night) a captive monkey plays with a Pekinese while green parrots watch, fascinated, from the trees.

> 'A captive monkey plays with a Pekinese while green parrots watch, fascinated'

Eighty miles down the Mapiri river lies Guanay: another, bigger, gold-rush town. There is a track, of sorts: only half the distance, for the river twists and turns; but the track takes six hours. How to do twice the distance in half the time — and smoothly?

Here's how. Huge canoes, powered by huge outboard motors, leave at 9am. They take up to 25 passengers, plus cargo. The fare is $5 (equivalent) downstream, or $7 back. It takes two-and-a-half to three hours down, four to five hours back.

We selected our canoe — two were leaving that morning, but we had met a friend of the captain of one the night before, and settled on his. Clambering down the steep mudbanks at the end of the main street, we wondered what to expect. A quay? An office? There was only the river. Swirling across a flat bed of stones, the water was approached by walking over a stony beach the width of a football pitch. Our waiting canoe was simply grounded in the shallow water. My companions picked their way over to it and climbed in, the first passengers.

And it struck me that nothing was going to happen for a while. So I made my way into the shade of a straw-roofed shelter, nestled by a pigsty at the foot of the mudbanks. I could smell cooking. This, as it turned out, was the departure lounge. A young South American Indian man with shoes made out of old tyres and wearing a T-shirt emblazoned "Winner — California Wet T-shirt Competition, 1987" was tucking into steak, eggs and rice. I did the same.

After half an hour, my companions grew restive. "Come on," one called, "you're holding us up!"

"They say that boat is leaving," I said in my poor Spanish to the wet-T-shirt man: "Is it?" He smiled: "I'm the captain."

Later I followed him down. Now the canoe was full — peasants, babies, miners and their luggage crowded in with empty gas tanks and hands of bananas, piled high. We all sat, hunched two by two, between the narrow flanks. About 40ft long, the canoe was built up in timber panels from a single dugout tree trunk acting as its spine. The outboard was hand-pulled into action, and we were off.

For half an hour we roared between the banks, shooting and re-shooting the rapids, collecting a couple more passengers and some extra cargo. Then the captain (at the stern) operating with his mate standing precariously on the bows holding only a rope, turned the nose into the downstream and we were away.

The speed was incredible. To the river's boiling, eddying 5-15mph, the motor added 15-20mph of its own. At 30mph-plus, then, we raced round bends, through gorges, under trees, the jungle crowding in on each bank, new rivers, some green, some red, some clear, rushing in to join us, parrots and enormous butterflies flapping across our path, waves splashing in, and women and children washing earth for gold on the riverside staring as we flashed past.

The canoe seemed only just stable. It felt more like surfing than boating. The sky was the most brilliant blue, the hills flanking the river gorges were the deepest, richest green. Slowly, the river widened, the pace slackened, and the quayside of Guanay came into view. I have never, *never* wished so much that a journey could go on for ever.

Analysis of last week's newspapers both confirms and confounds government misgivings

Who's afraid of the big bad press?

William Rees-Mogg

Conservative ministers now hate the newspapers; some of them are quite hysterical. Their feelings are even more intense than those of ministers in the early 1960s during the Profumo scandal, or in the late 1960s during the darkest days of the Wilson government. At receptions I notice that some Conservative politicians, when they catch my eye, search hastily for a tray of canapés in the farthest corner of the room. Heaven knows how they behave when they see Paul Johnson or Simon Heffer. I suppose they dive under the nearest table.

Last Friday, at the end of a dreadful fortnight for the Government, I bought all the London morning newspapers, and *The Spectator*, to compare their political coverage. It was not a particularly political day. The one big scoop was *Today*'s front-page story: "Jackson buys off Jordy for £30 million."

At least three of the broadsheets had some discussion of the power of the press. Conor Cruise O'Brien wrote an article for *The Independent* on "the abuse of power for fun", dealing with the withdrawal of Admiral Bob Inman from nomination as US Secretary of Defence. He asked who would check the abuses of the press, as the press checks the abuses of the politicians.

In the *Financial Times* Joe Rogaly was asking a similar question. He was critical both of the politicians and of the newspapers, though he considered that the newspapers have been sucked into a political vacuum. "When ministers misuse their powers, the ordinary citizen is helpless ... One solution, as we have seen over the past year, is a strong, brash, intrusive and angry media." It is not a solution he likes, indeed he much prefers the House of Lords as a corrective to the failures of the House of Commons. The trouble with the House of Lords is that it is not sufficiently "strong, brash, intrusive and angry". *The Guardian* also discussed this problem of press power. It referred in a leading article to "media-intimidated political parties and public authorities".

Some journalists are showing concern about the way we use the power of the media: Conor Cruise O'Brien is undoubtedly right to see that it is an international problem. He is also right to warn about "the pressures of a television-dominated culture, of which both politicians and the print media are now part".

When one reads all the daily newspapers, how unfair do they seem to the Government, if indeed they are unfair? Last Friday — and it was only a sample day — the Government did not have much to complain about from the tabloids. *The Sun* had a page two lead "Scandal-hit PM delays vote on gay sex", which gave an anti-Major spin to the age-of-consent story. The new editor of *The Sun* may or may not make a difference to its political judgment. The *Daily Mirror* had an anti-Government leader and a couple of news stories written from a normal Opposition point of view.

The *Daily Mail*, now very critical, happened not to have any significant criticism on Friday. The *Daily Express* is consistently friendly and had no criticism at all. The *Daily Star* is not a political newspaper, and had no criticism. *Today* had an interesting leading article, "A speech of pure fiction", attacking Virginia Bottomley's handling of the NHS.

The broadsheets had a number of articles which were hostile to the Government. *The Guardian* provided its usual coverage and comment from a left-of-centre point of view; even the most sensitive ministers do not complain about that. The *Financial Times* had no significant complaints, apart from Joe Rogaly's article. *The Independent* had a serious and well argued attack by Andrew Marr on British policy towards Bosnia: he wrote of the potential withdrawal: "Whatever that would mean for Bosnia, it would be a bloody awful day for Britain. Loudly we'd say: 'We did what we could'. But we would know that we did not." If people took Bosnia as seriously as they should, that might have been very damaging.

The Times had two pieces which would come into this discussion. Bernard Levin denounced Michael Portillo's speech; and dismissed the Government in an unqualified assault. His article was a powerful one; his underlying message that the Government has been around too long, and should go, no doubt has wide support among the electorate. From the Government's point of view the most helpful piece of the day was Valerie Grove's interview with Diane Yeo; who emerged as a strong, intelligent and sympathetic woman. Not surprisingly, this interview was widely lifted by other newspapers in their later editions. Unfortunately Saturday's newspapers were running the story of Mr Yeo's lunch at Langan's Brasserie with Miss Stent.

The most important criticism from John Major's point of view was a leading article in *The Daily Telegraph* which had all the air of being written by the editor himself. Max Hastings, like Lord Whitelaw, has the instincts of a loyalist. In contrast to *The Sunday Telegraph*, he has made sure that *The Daily Telegraph* under his editorship has been as sympathetic as it could reasonably be to the Government. His considered criticism is that of an unhappy friend, not that of someone long since disillusioned. In the same issue he ran a long article by Douglas Hurd on the future of Nato — an interesting but an Establishment feature.

His leading article supported the continuation of Mr Major's leadership, if only on probation, but had this devastating comment: "Mr Major's response to the furore over back to basics was inept; his handling of his colleagues has been weak. As a result the Government appears not only divided, but also more incompetent and out of touch than ever." To lose the confidence of Lord Whitelaw and Max Hastings in one week is a catastrophe for a Conservative Government. They represent the loyal centre of the Conservative Party.

The sharpest attacks of all were in *The Spectator*, but *The Spectator* has been in opposition for a long time. Simon Heffer, probably the most damaging of the Government's press critics, quotes an unnamed minister as saying that there will be a "wipeout" in the local and European elections in May and June. "There's no point putting in a new leader *before* these disasters." Paul Johnson opts for Michael Portillo as the next leader and asks: "Why wait?" *The Spectator* has a circulation of 46,000, large for a weekly of its type, and is read by most other commentators. The magazine may now have more political influence than at any time since Ian Macleod was editor in the 1960s. It is the journal of opinion of the intellectual right wing; the attacks which strike home are coming from the radical right and not from the left.

What conclusions can one draw? Journalists are used to the defensive anger of ministers but are worried by the unusual prominence of the press as the only effective opposition. Their criticism seems to be reactive and spontaneous, rather than a collective campaign. Individual newspapers are commenting in their own way on the political news, with some much more reluctant than others to publish strong attacks. There is an inevitable consciousness of power but also some fear that the press might be overreaching itself and might have to pay for its presumption. From the Conservative Government's point of view, the loss of three leading newspapers of Conservative sympathies, *The Daily Telegraph*, the *Daily Mail* and *The Sun* — owned by three different groups — is particularly ominous. As *The Daily Telegraph* leader expressed it: "If John Major is to regain the country's confidence, he must first win back his natural supporters."

A long wait for leadership

Labour still does not convince as an alternative, says Peter Riddell



Is Labour fit to govern? At the 1983 election, the answer was "are you joking?". In 1987, and still in 1992, it was "the party has not yet changed enough". If, as I argued a week ago, the Tories are at last running out of luck and time, whether under John Major or someone else, then the character of the alternative is crucial. Britain needs a credible government in waiting.

Labour has changed a lot since 1979. The far left is not extinct, but it is marginal. The unions retain a say but are not dominant. There is no longer a running battle over defence and Europe. Neil Kinnock pushed the left aside, and, after 1987, backed "modernisation" — Clintonism with a British accent.

Mr Smith has been more opaque. He is temperamentally more in tune with traditional "labourism" with its roots in the public sector and the unions. Unlike Mr Kinnock, a left-winger by origin, Mr Smith, a lifelong rightwinger, is popular with the left. He is keen to keep all factions content. But that risks blurring choices, both on policy and on strategy. He refuses even to discuss the possible involvement of the Liberal Democrats if a Labour government is to have broad support, or even to survive if it is in minority.

The Labour leader referred last September to the extension of workers' rights, to win union support for the key conference decision on one member one vote. While his advisers talked about giving individual workers greater certainty in a more fluid labour market, some union leaders saw his speech as reopening talks about repeal of the labour laws of the 1980s. This not only frightens business but also provides much-needed ammunition for the Tories.

Labour has been cautious on taxes. Kenneth Clarke's shifty performance on television yesterday shows how vulnerable the Tories are following confirmation by the Treasury of the recent report in *The Times* that from April most people will pay a higher proportion of their income in tax than when Labour was last in power. The row is a vindication of Gordon Brown's concentration on the Tories' tax record. But that does not answer the Tories' claim that, while they have reluctantly had to raise taxes, Labour has an inbred preference for higher spending and taxes. Mr Brown's repeated argument that Labour would not tax and spend for its own sake was criticised last year for being too negative, but its merits are now clearer. In Mr Brown's view, Labour has to establish a new trust on tax with the public before any decisions on tax rates are taken. He and David Blunkett have emphasised the need for people to see the link between taxes paid and benefits received. All that Labour can realistically hope for is to reduce the big advantage which the Tories have enjoyed on taxes at past elections. In power, Labour could hardly avoid some higher taxes. The key is justifying them.

The most divisive question could be economic management. Unlike his predecessor, Mr Smith has often talked about full employment. He has recently said that this is not a precise target or guarantee, but a goal of ensuring the highest possible number of fulfilling jobs. The party's private polls show that the public is highly sceptical about detailed promises on full employment. But Mr Smith's reference has been taken by critics of Mr Brown's fiscal caution as a chance to press for a more expansionist approach. This links with European policy, where differences have been largely obscured by Tory rows. The leadership still supports managed exchange rates, while leaving vague any commitment about returning to the exchange-rate mechanism or about a single currency. But a vocal minority disagrees.

A Labour Cabinet could easily be split on whether to pursue an anti-inflation policy compatible with European moves towards a single currency or whether to opt for a growth strategy which might push down the pound. The former group might be led by Mr Brown and Tony Blair and the latter by Robin Cook and John Prescott, backed by Bryan Gould and the left from the back benches. Tensions could also arise about how to deal with pay claims by public-sector unions which would be eager to catch up after the current squeeze. Mr Smith's instincts are in the direction of the Brown/Blair group, but his reluctance to commit himself could store up trouble in office.

A Smith Cabinet would obviously be inexperienced, since the party has been so long in opposition. But that may be less of a disadvantage, given the staleness and inadequacies of the Tory front bench. The key players on the domestic side would be Messrs Brown, Blair and Cook, supported by Donald Dewar, George Robertson and Jack Straw, with Mr Prescott as a wild card, energetic but unpredictable. And Roy Hattersley, Gerald Kaufman and Mr Kinnock (if he does not go to Brussels) could also be involved. That does not compare badly with the core of the first Wilson Cabinet, though both in 1964 and now there are big weaknesses further down. But, unlike then, there is now nobody like Roy Jenkins or Anthony Crosland waiting to be promoted.

A Labour government may no longer frighten either the horses or the voters. But would it make a difference? Mr Smith sometimes behaves as if looking reassuring (that is, not being Mr Kinnock) and respectable (in contrast to Tory seediness) is enough. He has talked radically about democratic renewal and constitutional change, but seldom on other issues. He admires the quiet shrewdness and determination of Attlee and the political skills of Lord Wilson at his peak in 1963-66. Ben Pimlott described the response to Wilson's "technological revolution" speech: "Just as Mrs Thatcher in the late 1970s managed to strike a chord among many normal Labour supporters, so in 1963 there were plenty of Tories who found a great deal in Wilson's speech to agree with." Mr Smith has so far failed to inspire similar hopes with most Labour supporters, let alone with any Tories.

Grey at the roots

BACK to basics? Maybe. Back to my place? Quite possibly. But back to the local Conservative club? Definitely not — or not, at least, if you're a Conservative living anywhere near the Prime Minister's home town of Huntingdon.

Following indications earlier this month that all was far from well, Huntingdon Conservative Club, where the Majors celebrated the result of the 1992 election, has teetered another step nearer to closure. Following an emergency meeting on Saturday, club chairman Roger Juggins has been given just one week to find £10,000 of additional finance for the club, or cease trading.

The club's problems stem from its dwindling membership. Three years ago it boasted 2,000 members and shared its building with the town's Conservative Association. Now the association has moved out and, after a disastrous attempt last October to increase income by doubling subscriptions, membership has slumped to about 240.

Sir Anthony Grant, Tory MP for nearby Cambridgeshire South West and whose local St Neots club is thriving, believes "Conservative clubs are the grassroots of the Conservative Party". Yesterday his advice to Huntingdon was that while money was obviously important, so was "a sense of go". "You've always got to keep moving — an extension here, a refurbishment there, a new billiard table, a golf tournament."

There is one last-minute glimmer of hope. On Friday Norma Major will be hosting a large Mencap event at the club. "One big function like that a week would be sufficient," says Juggins. "Otherwise things look bleak."

No oil painting

EVEN before the Princess of Wales apparently decided that an Australian dental surgeon was what she'd wanted to be all along, her husband's trip Down Under was never going to be incident-free. If the pouting beach beauties don't get him, those spouting republicanism almost certainly will. Thankfully, however, the Queen looks assured of a more peaceful welcome when she visits Bermuda, now basking under the benign governorship of Lord Waddington, former Home Secretary. Every effort is being made to ensure her March visit passes off without incident. Including, it seems, the diplomatic disappearance of a controversial portrait of Her Majesty in the City Hall at Hamilton.

Commissioned by a local royalist in the mid-1980s, the painting, by a Canadian artist, is said by some to show a "tight-lipped and curiously sceptical" monarch. Others describe the representation baldly as "cadaverous, loathsome and awful". Local officials will not be drawn in public as to how the royal blushes are to be spared. But as one confides: "Something is in the works to make it temporarily disappear."



DIARY

Feeling the heat

WHICHEVER way he votes, Paul Marland, Tory MP for Gloucestershire West, will have some explaining to do after Labour's key amendment to wreck government plans to levy VAT on fuel bills.

Vote against the Government on Tuesday, and he will answer to party whips. Vote with the Government and he will answer to at least one very angry constituent. For it was in December — two weeks *after* Labour famously failed to table a similar amendment at the end of the debate on the Budget — that Marland wrote to a constituent, expressing his anger at being denied the expected chance to vote against the Chancellor's plan. Blaming Labour incompetence, he added: "I am sure you can imagine my frustration, and that of my colleagues, at the situation in which we find ourselves." Wonder what situation he'll find himself on Wednesday morning.

● *The organisers of the T.S. Eliot Poetry Prize were fortunate indeed to have the prize presented by Eliot's widow, Valerie. She is a busy woman these days, much occupied with compiling a second volume of letters, covering 1922-28, an eventful period in her husband's life. "It's a full-time job," she says. "And I've learnt rather a lot about my husband I didn't know."*

Batting for Bonn

A SMALL band of Germans is batting valiantly for cricket because the finest wickets in Germany, situated on British army and air force bases, are under threat as British troops withdraw from the republic.

The German Cricket Federation is trying to persuade local authorities that the 20 pitches should be saved. "We don't want them to be turned into supermarkets and so on," explains Rolf Schwiete, the federation's chairman.

Schwiete hopes for help from the MCC, which last year sent John Holder, a Test panel umpire, to coach students in Germany — no easy task since silly mid-on translates as *der Dummkopf in der Mitte*. Field Marshall Lord Bramall, a former MCC president and a sharpish batsman in his day, is guardedly sympathetic: "I once played in Berlin with a chap fielding at short leg who looked just like Rudolf Hess," he says. "It wasn't him of course. But really we can't keep the troops out there just because of cricket."





Sir Georg Solti and his actress daughter Claudia

Theatre as an extended family

OXFORD is in for a rare display of dynastic dynamism next week, if a sneak preview of a new play, curiously titled *Accidental Colour*, is anything to go by. The play is written and directed by Rowan Joffe, a second-year English undergraduate whose theatrical pedigree is impeccable: his father is Roland Joffe, director of such films as *The Killing Fields* and *The Mission*; his mother is Jane Lapotaire, the actress.

Nor is his cast short of artistic breeding. The leading lady in a play about an "intense and incestuous relationship between a painter and his sister" is Claudia Solti, an undergraduate at Brasenose and daughter of the conductor Sir Georg Solti.

Solti *fille* expects her father to attend the first night at the Old Fire Station, pointing out hastily that there will be no impropriety on stage. "There is an underlying sexuality but nothing actually happens. At the climax, the brother does try to kiss his sister but he's gone mad by then anyway."

CLARKE'S CASE

The Chancellor need not be so evasive on tax

Appearing on the BBC's Breakfast with Frost programme yesterday, Kenneth Clarke again dismissed as "piffle" the charge that the average British family would be paying a higher proportion of its income in taxes under the Clarke fiscal regime than it did under that of Denis Healey. Mr Clarke first described this uncomfortable, but undeniable, arithmetical fact as "piffle" ten days ago, after it was disclosed in *The Times*. The result of his flippancy was not, as he evidently hoped, to discredit the claim that the Tories had lost their reputation as the party of lower taxes. It was, on the contrary, to undermine the government's economic credibility still further — now that the Treasury has officially confirmed the findings of the *Times* survey.

Ministers' refusal ever to admit they have made mistakes or explain the reasons for their errors only adds fuel to the fire of national cynicism they so decry. Mr Clarke convinces no-one when says, as he did yesterday, that higher taxes were "necessary to get us more jobs and more growth". But what could Mr Clarke have said?

For a Conservative government that wished to restore its reputation for plain-dealing and economic competence, a convincing defence against the argument on taxes would not be so hard to find. The first point Mr Clarke should acknowldge is that higher taxes will not "get us more jobs and more growth". In fact, they are virtually guaranteed to reduce both. His second admission should be that Britain's tax burden today has less to do with generous spending on health, education and policing than with the wastefulmonetary and exchange-rate policy which made destroyed thousands of businesses and a million jobs.

If only Mr Clarke could make these two concessions to common sense, his way out of the present qunadary would be clear. Suppose he had recognised last November that inadequate growth was by far the most important cause of the government's fiscal problems and that higher taxes were bound to depress the rate of recovery. He would then have cut interest rates sharply in the Budget, as *The Times*, along with many other responsible economic commentators, recommended. A bold two-point cut in interest rates would have put money in the pockets of mortgage borrowers and strengthened corporate balance sheets, largely offsetting the impact of higher taxes on consumer spending and investment. The Treasury's welcome initiative to help small savers by promoting a new fixed-interest national savings bond, could have ensured a favorable political reception for this much-needed rebalancing of monetary and fiscal policy, even among the pensioners who complain bitterly about low interest rates.

When criticised for raising taxes, Mr Clarke could have admitted that taxes *were* too high, but added that they were the penalty for pursuing the mistaken policy of ERM membership, which Labour had endorsed enthusiastically, but the government had now abandoned. He could then have added that the Budget increase in taxes was the *quid pro quo* for sharp reductions in interest rates — and these would indeed, "get us more jobs and more growth". Finally, he could have said that as the economy accelerated, which it would certainly do with a much easier monetary policy, the Tories would attack government spending more aggressively than ever before.

Mr Clarke refuses to make any of these admissions. Yesterday he again denied that ERM membership had aggravated the recession and repeated the Bank of England dogma that monetary policy must be used solely to control inflation, not to promote growth. As a result of these dogmas, most families in Britain will face higher mortgage bills in April, on top of their higher tax demands. The economic recovery, which contrary to the claims of ministerial boosters has shown no sign of accelerating since the first quarter of 1993, will almost certainly slow further in April. And the government will stand accused of economic incompetence and dishonesty on taxes — in the future, as well as in the past.

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BRITISH PLATOONS

Nationhood is more than great national institutions

When Michael Portillo spoke earlier this month of the decline in national morale, he launched a much-needed debate on the nature of Britishness. National self-confidence, he said, had suffered at the hands of a cynical liberal elite; strength was slipping from the nation: the great institutions of the realm were at risk. His speech raised fundamental questions about British nationhood, which *The Times* intends to address in a series of articles over the coming days.

The dangers of such a debate are as great as its potential rewards. John Major's back to basics campaign has shown that politicians who seek to raise moral or cultural standards without forethought do so at their peril. The debate on nationhood can easily descend into flag-raising, misleading talk of an imagined Golden Age, and whimsical Blakean calls for a New Jerusalem. The triumphs of the Falklands War prompted an extraordinary upsurge of national pride. But, on the face of it, Britain is unlikely to fight many such campaigns in the future; the role of its independent nuclear deterrent is also likely to change. We will need a new form of nationhood to weather complex shifts in power such as the development of Europe.

What most people mean by Britishness has its roots in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. The notion of national Protestant destiny was by that stage well-established; but it was the Napoleonic Wars that defined the modern British sense of justified insularity, military might and imperial stature. The foundations of nationhood were not shared racial origins, therefore, but the distinctiveness and durability of British institutions: monarchy, Church, Parliament, and armed forces.

As a result, the state of the nation is usually equated with the health of these institutions. All have been subjected to profound scrutiny in recent years; all found wanting in various ways. Sometimes, as Mr Portillo warned, the scrutiny itself has been cynical and damaging. But it should be asked whether the well-being of the great institutions is always the best measure of national self-confidence.

The other strand in Britishness is local, idiosyncratic and less easily defined. The component parts of nationhood are the "little platoons" celebrated by Burke: families, neighbourhoods, schools, churches, professional groups, regiments and other bodies that stand between the individual and the State. Resistance in areas such as Yorkshire and Somerset to the work of the Local Government Commission suggests that regional boundaries are still profoundly important to people's sense of identity. The polity begins at home.

In spite of Lady Thatcher's apparent rejection of "society", the Government has done more than is often appreciated to regenerate these platoons in the last fourteen years. There may be disarray at Westminster and declining faith in central institutions; but ordinary people's participation in, and control over, schools, housing, public services and lawkeeping has never been greater. Regions such as Merseyside have developed new, pluralist forms of local governance quite different to the old town hall model; other areas — including Mr Portillo's own constituency, Enfield, Southgate — have strengthened community ties through a collective interest in conservation and the quality of the environment.

This must be the starting point of the crusade for renewal which Mr Portillo proposes. It is through attention to family, neighbourhood, sound economic sense and local ties that national morale will bloom. This is not a glamorous or immediately achievable task. It will require of politicians the same confidence that they now demand of the citizens they represent.

ALL OUR TODAYS

Brian Redhead was one of news radio's great exponents



The unexpected death of Brian Redhead yesterday ends a memorable chapter in British journalism. Though many disagreed with his convictions and style, none could deny his extraordinary impact upon Britain broadcasting as presenter of Radio 4's *Today* for 18 years.

Like Brian Johnston, the legendary cricket commentator who died this month, Redhead disproved the claim that television would quickly destroy radio. On the contrary: *Today* became the most important agenda-setter in the nation's news culture. Margaret Thatcher, whose views could scarcely have differed more from Redhead's, was a devoted listener to the show who sometimes called in to correct its presenters or to add her own gloss on the issue under discussion.

To the chagrin of many newspapers, ministers became willing to break their own news embargoes to gain radio coverage in those crucial early hours of the day. Their advisers would negotiate furiously through the night for a prime time slot. Redhead's encounters with politicians were not always peaceful.

Yet such spats did nothing to dissuade ambitious politicians from seeking the imprimatur of an intelligent feature on the programme — especially in the precious minutes either side of the 8 o'clock news. Redhead made *Today* a programme that no member of the political class could afford to miss. It was a reflection of its importance under Redhead that it attracted so much controversy and that so many Britons tuned in for early guidance to the day's major issues.

The beneficiary was not a single programme but the very medium of radio. Forty years after the invention of colour television, middle-class Britons will still turn to radio for intelligent news broadcasting in the same way that they invest more emotion in *The Archers* than in any television soap opera. Because radio is cheap, it continues to innovate and provide inspiration for television, which has recently imported the Radio 4 programmes *The Moral Maze* and *On the Hour* with great success. Redhead was one of the most compelling figures in the glorious firmament of post-war radio. His voice still resounds in the ears of all those who take their politics seriously.

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Doubts on Major's evidence to Scott

From Mr Michael Meacher, MP for Oldham West (Labour)

Sir, As someone who has held ministerial office in Whitehall and for five years saw from the inside how the system worked, I find it utterly impossible to believe that John Major, having headed all the relevant departments of state, was never told until November 1992 about the December 1988 change in the government guidelines on arms-related exports to Iraq (report, January 18; letters, January 17 and 21).

As Chief Secretary to the Treasury responsible for export credits from June 1987 to July 1989, it is very difficult to see how, in view of the strict Howe guidelines of 1984-85, he could have authorised a *doubling* of export credits to Iraq from £175 million in 1988 to £340 million in 1989 if he had not known that the guidelines had been changed.

As Foreign Secretary from July to October 1989, it seems unbelievable that Mr Major was not briefed on arrival about Middle East policy or that the brief did not mention this important recent change in trade policy towards Iraq.

It seems equally unbelievable that his minister of state, William Waldegrave, with day-to-day responsibility for the Middle East, never once minuted his boss about the sensitivities of this change of policy or sought his continued approval for it.

As Chancellor from October 1989 to November 1990, it is extremely difficult to believe that Mr Major did not see the letter written to him in June 1990 by Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade, trying to limit an investigation into Matrix Churchill by Customs and Excise, for which Mr Major's department was responsible.

Mr Major admits his private office received the letter, but says they never showed it to him. It is frankly inconceivable that a letter of this kind, from another Cabinet member, detailing the background to a matter of potentially enormous embarrassment to the Government, was kept from him as head of the department.

What makes this whole saga so unbelievable is that Mr Major, unlike some ministers, is known as a very conscientious absorber of briefing. It is simply impossible to square his voracious appetite for detail with the facade he presented to Scott of a kind of British Reagan.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL MEACHER
(Shadow Minister for Citizens' Rights),
House of Commons.
January 21.

Enquiry guidelines

From Mr P. H. Crawford

Sir, Lord Justice Scott is not the only chairman of a public enquiry to face criticism for departing from the guidelines formulated by Lord Salmon for the conduct of such tribunals (report and leading article, January 13).

For the past 18 months Sir John May's enquiry into the Guildford and Woolwich bombings in 1974 (in respect of which I represent the interests of the surviving members of prosecution counsel) has been considering the circumstances surrounding the trial and convictions of the Guildford Four.

The Salmon guidelines include cardinal principles to the effect that a person involved in such an enquiry should have the opportunity to state his case in public and both to cross-examine any witness whose evidence may affect him and to call evidence on his own account. These principles have not been followed during the present phase of the May enquiry.

The reasons (in particular the delay and added costs of giving all represented parties the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses) can be readily understood.

However, an individual facing criticism in the course of a public enquiry which may vitally affect his interests should be entitled to expect the protection of elementary and fundamental rights to test evidence by cross-examination and to require other witnesses who may be able to rebut such criticism to be called.

Merely giving an opportunity to comment upon provisional findings in advance of a final report (a procedure adopted by both Lord Justice Scott and Sir John May) is no substitute for following guidelines which were formulated to avoid the difficulties and injustice individuals might otherwise face. There is no right of appeal against any adverse finding.

Quite apart from considerations of fairness, observance of the guidelines is more likely to establish the truth and thus form a more reliable basis for any ultimate findings.

The fact that misgivings concerning the conduct of Sir John's enquiry are not more widely known may be due to the hearings during this stage of his enquiry being held in private. Such misgivings were made known to the enquiry long before Lord Howe's similar complaints in respect of the Scott enquiry.

With the long delay in the trial of police officers connected with the original investigation the decision to hold hearings in private is understandable. It does however mean that those called to give evidence are deprived of the opportunity both to state their case and if possible to vindicate themselves in public.

Yours faithfully,
P. H. CRAWFORD,
Stitt & Co (solicitors),
4 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

Right to silence

From Mr Richard Brock

Sir, Numerous cases come before the Crown Court where a defendant is charged with attacking another person on impulse and without the use of a weapon.

In most such cases, the person arrested either declines to answer questions when interviewed by the police (letters, January 11, 14, 20), or claims that he was acting in self-defence. At trial the complainant and other witnesses (if any) are cross-examined on the basis of self-defence and the defendant does not give evidence.

The judge is then bound to direct the jury that they may not convict unless satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was not acting in self-defence. The jury will almost inevitably and rightly acquit, since they have not heard from the defendant and cannot exclude the possibility, no matter how remote, that he was acting, or thought that he was acting, in his own defence.

The difficulties confronting the prosecution are further compounded in many such cases when attacks are made on the characters of prosecution witnesses and the jury hear nothing of the defendant's own convictions, not infrequently for violence.

Some, at least, of the changes contained in the Bill now before Parliament would go far towards rectifying such travesties of justice which are daily enacted in the Crown Courts of this country.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BROCK,
10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.
January 20.

Duchess's conversion

From Brigadier Nicholas Cocking (retd)

Sir, I have been following with interest the correspondence (January 15, 19) to which the conversion of the Duchess of Kent to the Roman Catholic faith has given rise. Mr W. J. Briggs (letter, January 19), writing from Cobblers Cottage, is correct in referring to the Roman Catholic Church as being designated non-conformist within the United Kingdom.

However, it will seem odd to many of us that the largest Christian, churchgoing community in Britain should be so designated; when placed in the context of the Universal Church it is patently absurd.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS COCKING,
309 Hawkins House,
Dolphin Square, SW1.
January 19.

A mild rocket

From Mr Richard Quincey

Sir, I enjoyed Lynne Truss's review of *Middlemarch* (January 13): but was sorry that she mismamed the Stephensons' locomotive. It was, in fact, a replica of their Locomotion, the engine used to open the Stockton to Darlington railway in 1825.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD QUINCEY,
10 Clarendon Gardens,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
January 14.

Missing out on VAT

From Ms Margaret Austin

Sir, For all the Chancellor's fine words in his Budget speech last November about helping the elderly, we now see the electricity companies encouraging consumers to avoid the imposition of value-added tax by paying sums in advance of billing (Weekend Money, January 15). This means that those with substantial capital or income will benefit; the Government will lose revenue and, above all, the ordinary person existing on the basic pension and unable to do this will suffer further hardship.

Yours truly,
MARGARET AUSTIN,
57a Elers Road, W13.

Joyce remembered

From Mr David Worthington

Sir, One reason, perhaps, why James Joyce has not been honoured with a memorial in London before now (report, January 15) could be that, by and large, he seems not to have liked living here. Campden Grove in Kensington, W8, was for him inhabited by mummies and called Campden Grave. Dates and anniversaries were important to Joyce. Whatever else he might have thought about a plaque at 28b Campden Grove, he would have approved of the unveiling on his birthday, February 2.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WORTHINGTON,
Sancreed, Bridge Road,
Leigh Woods, Bristol, Avon.

Efforts to cleanse the air we breathe

From the Chief Executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Ltd

Sir, Your series of articles on air pollution (January 10-12; letters, January 19) may have given the impression that the motor industry has done little or nothing to alleviate a problem which it acknowledges may, in part, be attributed to its products.

Pollution caused by cars is, in fact, diminishing rapidly, with more than 2.6 million petrol-engined cars now equipped with catalytic converters which have been obligatory on new registrations since January 1993 (not 1994 as stated in your leader on January 15).

The improvement in air quality should now accelerate rapidly and would be even better, as you state, if old and ill-maintained vehicles were tolerated less. The reduction in lead in the air has been quite dramatic as motorists have switched to using unleaded petrol, which has to be used with catalysts.

In 1996-97 even stricter regulations will be applied to new vehicles so the "cleaning progress" will be even greater, but it will be a few years into the next century before virtually every car on the road is catalysed.

The growing popularity of diesel cars has also been criticised as a prime source of pollution. This sector is the subject of enormous research and the latest diesels already use highly-sophisticated technology, including catalysts, to contain emissions. All new trucks and buses must meet stringent EC specifications, and this society has made the strongest representations to government to speed up the introduction of cleaner buses by offering scrappage grants to get the elderly "smokers" off the road.

We do not agree that pollution levels will necessarily rise in the next century as traffic levels increase: technology does not stand still — as we have already seen from the huge improvements achieved in vehicle safety over the past decade. Alternative fuels may help, but more sophisticated engineering solutions will be developed as vehicles become lighter in weight and more fuel-efficient.

The industry recognises its responsibilities in these matters and is already rising to the challenge.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. THOMPSON,
Chief Executive,
The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Ltd,
Forbes House, Halkin Street, SW1.
January 21.

From Dr J. J. Cogswell

Sir, Much more research into the effects on children of airborne allergens and air pollutants is required. Although several chemical pollutants have been associated with asthma in local studies, there is no difference in asthma prevalence in this country between urban and rural areas.

In the USA trends in air pollution with sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone and suspended particles had all fallen between 1981 and 1990, at a time when asthma was increasing. Thus, evidence on the role of outdoor air pollution as the main factor contributing to present increases in the number of asthmatic children remains controversial.

Since children spend 90 per cent of their lives indoors, the indoor environment may be a more important factor in causing the epidemiological trends now being seen than the air out of doors. Building practices which conserve energy and create the warm damp atmosphere ideal for house mite replication may be significant. So, too, may maternal smoking before birth and the increasing rate of premature births.

Thus, the reasons for more children suffering from asthma remain unclear. Caution needs to be exercised before using improved child health as the main reason to justify the clean air campaign.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. COGSWELL,
(Consultant paediatrician),
Poole Hospital,
Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset.
January 18.

From Councillor J. P. Mellor

Sir, Your report of January 11 named certain local authorities, including Wolverhampton, which "fail to monitor the air their citizens breathe and have no plans to do so". The implication is that the council is not concerned about the wellbeing of those who live and work in the borough.

This is patently not the case. Wolverhampton has been undertaking atmospheric monitoring since the early 1960s. We are currently monitoring air quality at over 40 sites for a range of pollutants which include oxides of nitrogen, particulates, sulphur dioxide and certain heavy metals.

Wolverhampton is one of the towns earmarked by the Department of Environment in 1992 as a location for an "enhanced urban network" monitoring station. However the DoE is reviewing its list of towns and it is possible that Wolverhampton may not now be included.

I can assure you that the council will maintain its own monitoring commitment and given the resources would seek to upgrade its existing network.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. MELLOR
(Chairman, Environmental Health and Consumer Services Committee),
Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council,
Civic Centre, St Peter's Square,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

CrossRail in dispute

From Councillor Gwyneth Deakins

Sir, To suggest that CrossRail will "relieve many congestion problems", as do the construction industry's "great and good" in their letter of January 17, is somewhat misleading. Given the reduction of employment in central London since 1989, the estimates of commuter demand on which the case for CrossRail is based no longer reflect the needs of the Underground network in central London.

Where congestion does exist, it has more to do with broken-down trains, poor infrastructure and signalling problems than lack of capacity. This could be better addressed by modest expenditure to upgrade the existing network rather than massive expenditure to build CrossRail.

If any transport project is "vital to the future of London as a world-class capital city", it is surely the Channel tunnel rail link.

The construction and other interests which declare their loyalty to CrossRail may stand to win one or two lucrative contracts in improving times; but the object of their enthusiasm would, in reality, impose a huge public expenditure burden on the capital for very little benefit.

Yours faithfully,
GWYNETH DEAKINS
(Chair, Policy Strategy Committee),
London Borough of Tower Hamlets,
Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent, E14.
January 17.

From the Chairman of Aylesbury Vale District Council and others

Sir, Our councils and the people they represent have long considered the proposed CrossRail link across London to be extremely important for the future prospects for growth in the national and local economy.

The scheme will provide better transport for many communities in the Home Counties and London, benefit some of the most overcrowded parts of the rail network, and encourage greater use of public transport. It will reduce pressure on roads in and around London and help to preserve the capital's position as a world centre of finance and commerce.

Any decision to truncate the scheme would have serious implications for the achievement of these objectives and result in delay in or the loss of a unique opportunity for increasing future economic growth and employment prospects. We hope that there will be no wavering on previously stated commitments.

Yours faithfully,
BILL LAPHAM, Chairman,
Aylesbury Vale District Council,
MICHAEL COLNE (Chairman,
Hertfordshire County Council,
EDWARD LAZARUS (Chairman, Transportation Committee, Brent Council),
TERENCE PALMER (Chairman,
Three Rivers District Council),
FRANCIS ROBINSON (Chairman,
Buckinghamshire County Council),
c/o Aylesbury Vale District Council,
Bearbrook House, Oxford Road,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Appeal of the pipes

From Mr Brian Bagnall

Sir, Colonel Donald Wilson (letter, January 17) acknowledges that the appeal of the bagpipes may not be universal. Indeed. The Germans' retreat on the field of battle from Highland troops led by bagpipers was probably due largely to the Teutonic musical ear being quite unable to stand the atrocious noise. Concertos have been scored for almost every musical instrument, but not, to my knowledge, the bagpipes.

Sir Thomas Beecham referred once to the bagpipes and dismissed them for ever from his musical repernoire. He said the bagpipe is a supposed musical instrument, which after several years of practice sounds worse than at the beginning.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN BAGNALL,
Shalford Mill, Shalford, Surrey.
January 17.

Safety first

From Mr W. Hocknell

Sir, I recently purchased an electric appliance for use in my home. The first page of the instruction booklet is filled with 18 "Important Safeguards". The remaining pages contain four paragraphs printed in heavy type and headed "Warning" and five paragraphs headed "Important". In addition two safety notices are anached to the appliance itself.

Should I feel apprehensive about using my new, if perfectly conventional, electric kettle?

Yours faithfully,
W. HOCKNELL,
14b Pelham Road,
Grimsby, South Humberside.
January 22.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 23: Divine Service was held in St Mary's Church, Hillington, this morning. The Bishop of Newcastle preached the Sermon.

Mr Robin Janvrin was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 23: The Prince of Wales this afternoon departed from Heathrow Airport, London, for Australia and New Zealand. The following were present and took leave of His Royal Highness: His Excellency Mr Richard Smith (Australian High Commissioner), His Excellency the Honourable George Gair (New Zealand High Commissioner), Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London), Mr Wayne Pearce (Qantas Regional Director) and Miss Christine Stewart (General Manager, Terminal 3, Heathrow Airport Limited).

Commander Richard Aylard RN, Commander Robert Fraser RN and Miss Sandra Henney are in attendance.

Marriages

Mr F.C.H. Fryer and Priscilla, Lady Newton
The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, January 22, at St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, between Mr Frederick Fryer and Priscilla, Lady Newton.

Mr E.J. Tveter and Miss T.A. Collins
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 22, 1994, in Grace Church, St Helena, Napa Valley, California, between Mr Eric John Tveter and Miss Terry Anne Collins. The Rev George Stewart and the Rev William McIlmoyl officiated.

The bride's matron of honour was Mrs Gail Chemodureau, who was accompanied by attendants, Miss Cynthia Collins and Mrs Kelley Collins-Maestas. Mr Harry Tveter was the groom's best man. Mr Rick Ancona and Mr Mark Tveter were ushers.

An evening reception was held afterwards at the Meadowood Resort. After a honeymoon in the South Pacific and the Far East, the couple will be moving from Richmond upon Thames, Surrey, to New Canaan, Connecticut, USA.

Birthdays today

Mr Eric Ashton, rugby league coach, 54; Miss Nora Beloff, author, 75; Mr Harry Brett, general secretary, Prison Governors Association, 47; Mr Neil Diamond, singer and actor, 49; Mr Bamber Gascoigne, author and broadcaster, 59; Mr Peter Laister, company director, 65; Mr Ron Leighton, MP, 64; Mr M.J. Le May, banker, 36; Dr Desmond Morris, zoologist, writer and broadcaster, 66; Lord Justice Murray, 71; Dr Ian Oliver, chief constable, Grampian, 54; Lord Savile, 75; Dr Jane Somerville, cardiologist, 61; the Most Rev J.A. Ward, Archbishop of Cardiff, 65; Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill, former Captain of The Queen's Flight, 77.

Royal Institute of International Affairs

The meeting which was to have been addressed by Philippe Séguin on Tuesday, January 25, at 1.30pm at Chatham House has been cancelled.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.W. Faber and Miss A.J. Pullin
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Dr T.E. Faber and the late Mrs P.M. Faber and stepson of Dr E.M.C. van Houts, of Cambridge, and Amanda, daughter of the late Mr D.J. Pullin and of Mrs J.B. Pullin, of Ston Easton, Somerset.

Mr H.F. Headlam and Miss R.M. Watson
The engagement is announced between Hugo Francis, son of Mr Anthony (Gus) Headlam, of Bradley, Hampshire, and Mrs Jill Headlam, of Knightsbridge, London, and Romany Mary, younger daughter of Vice Admiral Sir Philip Watson, KBE, LVO, and Lady Watson, of Bodicote, Oxfordshire.

Mr A.C. Roberts and Miss K.S. Granger
The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of Mr Keith Roberts, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, and of Mrs Mike Cooke, of Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, and Katie, elder daughter of the late Mr Paul Granger, and of Mrs John Keyte, of Bodenham, Herefordshire.

Mr J.J. Sampson and Miss A. Foo
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs G. Sampson, of Shenstone, Lichfield, and Alicia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Foo, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Mr M. Shere and Miss H.M. Lane
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Dr Stanley and Mrs Sandra Shere, of Tenterden, Kent, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Lane, of Epsom, Surrey.

Latest wills

Mr Anthony Frederick Apcar Carlisle, of London W8, left estate valued at £1,326,115 net.

He left his picture "A Procession" by L S Lowry to the National Art Collections Fund, with the wish they pass it to the Swindon Art Gallery, and £10,000 to his trustees for charitable purposes.

Mr George Henry Bertram Bulmer, of Breinton, Herefordshire, left estate valued at £3,439,210 net.





The renovated piano and, right, Elgar with his father

Elgar's restored piano goes on show to public

THE piano of Sir Edward Elgar, newly restored, goes on show tomorrow at the British Library, alongside manuscripts of some of the works he wrote on it, such as *Pomp & Circumstance, March No 1* (Jim McCue writes).

The Broadwood square piano was built in 1844. It was repaired in 1867 by Elgar Brothers, the Worcester firm of piano tuners and restorers run by the composer's father, and acquired by Edward for his country cottage, Birchwood Lodge near Malvern, in 1898. On the soundboard, he kept note of music composed on the instrument, including *The Dream of Gerontius* and *Sea Pictures*.

After Elgar's death, the instrument was re-acquired by Broadwood's. More recently the Broadwood Trust has found it a permanent home as part of the Cobbe Foundation collection of historic keyboard instruments.

After some injudicious restoration in 1985, the Cobbe Foundation's major sponsor, Booz Allen & Hamilton, have funded three months of work by David Hunt of Cambridge.

☐ *The exhibition is in the King's Library from tomorrow until April 4. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 2.30-6; entry free.*

Memorial services

Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lord Braybrooke, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis held on January 14 in Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch, Prince Edward by Major-General Andrew Evans, the Princess Royal by Mrs Andrew Feilden and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Captain Alexander Tetley.

Canon Timothy Thompson, Vice-Provost of Chelmsford, officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood, who read the prayers. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton and Canon Christopher Lewis, son, read the lessons. Mr J. Norris, Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Essex, read John Betjeman's "Essex" and the Right Rev John Waine, Bishop of Chelmsford, gave an address.

Canon Paul Brett, Canon Peter Southwell-Sander, Canon Barry Thompson and Canon David Knight were robed and in the sanctuary. Among others present were:

Lady Lewis (widow), Mr and Mrs David Lewis (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Christopher Lewis (daughter-in-law), Hugh Lewis (grandson), Sir Clive and Lady Rose (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs Helen Richardson (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Dominic Rudd (stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Miss Victoria Rudd (stepdaughter), Edward and George Rudd (step-grandsons), Mr and Mrs Tim Rose, Colonel and Mrs Robert Hart, Mrs Lesley Lewis, Mr Michael Lewis, Mr and Mrs Hilary Lewis, Mr and Mrs Wheatley-Hubbard.

The Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Captain C B H Wake-Walker (representing the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk), the High Sheriff of Essex, the Chairman and the Chief Executive of Essex County Council, the Clerk to the Lieutenancy, the Chief Constable, the Chief Fire Officer, the County Treasurer, the County Education Officer, the Mayors of Chelmsford, Brentwood, Castle Point, Redbridge, Southend and Thurrock and the Chairman of Kent County Council.

Jean Lloyd Webber
A Memorial Service for Jean Lloyd Webber will form part of the Evening Service on Sunday, February 6, 1994, at 6.30pm in Central Hall, Westminster. Anyone wishing to attend is most welcome to do so.

Church news

The Rev Douglas Caffyn, Curate, (NSM), Hampden Park: to be *also* Chaplain Among Deaf People (Chichester)

The Rev Jack Freeborn, pastoral care for Copley (now merged with All Saints, Salterhebble): to be Minister (NSM), All Saints, Salterhebble, Halifax (Wakefield).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: P E Du Vivier - Staff of FOSNI 27.07.94; P H Jeffery - staff of FOSF 24.06.94; C W Roddis - MOD London in the rank of Cdre 22.07.94; P A Thomas - RNEC Manadon 05.07.94.
COMMANDER: J S Aiken - Dryad 19.04.94; A P Dickson - Staff of 25L/CNH 13.05.94; B R Eastley - MOD London 15.07.94; R D Finlayson - Devonport 18.07.94; R W Jackman - DSSC Bath 24.06.94; T J H Laurence - MOD London 16.05.94; S R Lister - DGFS Bath 17.06.94; C J Menlove-Platt - DGFS Bath 27.05.94; J W Parker - Northwood 25.02.94; S J Scorer - Staff of FOSF 21.06.94; D E Thomas - RNH Plymouth 04.02.94; C G Welborn - MOD London 17.06.94; I R Wellesley-Harding - RNC Greenwich 15.07.94; D S H White - Staff of FO Plymouth 08.04.94;
SURGEON COMMANDER: T H Shepherd - RNH Gibraltar 27.05.94.
SURGEON COMMANDER (D): J G Iles-Nelson 25.03.94: S Lambert-Humble - Staff of FO Portsmouth: G L Morrison - Greenwich 25.04.94.

The Army
Lieutenant General Sir Richard Swinburn to be Commander UK Field Army, 17.1.94.
Major General A A Denison-Smith to be General Officer Commanding Southern District in rank of Lieutenant General in succession to Lieutenant General Sir Richard Swinburn, 28.2.94.
Major General S C Grant to be Chief of Staff Headquarters British Army of the Rhine / Headquarters UK Support Command (Germany) in succession to Major General R A Cordy-Simpson, 14.2.94. Brigadier C G C Vyvyan to Chief of Staff HQ UK Land Forces in rank of Major General in succession to Major General J C M Gordon 18.2.94.
Brigadier J M F C Hall to be Director Royal Armoured Corps in the of Major General from 21.2.94 in succession to Major General R J Hayman-Joyce. Major General R A Cordy-Simpson to be General Officer Commanding 1 (UK) Armoured Division 21.2.94 in succession to Major General A A Denison-Smith MBE.
Brigadier N W F Richards to be Chief Combat Support ACE Rapid Reaction Corps in rank of Major General in succession to Major General G S Hollands, 28.2.94.
COLONELS: R S Fox - to HQ RAO, 26.1.94; M F Gibson - to HQ Scotland / I AFHQ, 25.1.94.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: A A B Booth REME - to TDT REME, 24.1.94; G Meakin R Signals - to MOD, 24.1.94; K A Moules RLC - to be CO 11 Ord Bn (EOD), 24.1.94; C J Nicholls RA - to be CO 26 Fd Regt, 24.1.94; C B Smith-Rewse AAC - to HQ UKLF, 24.1.94; C Stoddart RA - to be CO RA Range Hebrides, 24.1.94; C A Storey RLC - to MOD, 24.1.94; I A Brazier RRF - to HQ ARRC, 24.1.94.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: J A F Ford - to Shape 21.1.94.
GROUP CAPTAIN: I Sloss - to RAF Locking 21.1.94; D M Baker - to HQRAFSC 21.1.94; J C Gilbert - to MOD 24.1.94; A Smith - to MOD 24.1.94.
WING COMMANDER: C W Ilsley to OC AC CGS Syerston 17.1.94; R M Jenner - to CRC RAF Buchan 17.1.94.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Hadrian, Roman emperor 117-138, Italica, Spain, 76AD; Sir John Vanbrugh, dramatist and architect, London, baptised this day, 1664; William Congreve, dramatist, Bardsey, Yorkshire, 1670; Frederick II the Great, King of Prussia 1740-86, Berlin, 1712; Fox, statesman, London, 1749; Sir Edwin Chadwick, physician and social reformer, Longsight, Lancashire, 1800.

DEATHS: Lord Randolph Churchill, statesman, London, 1895; Amadeo Modigliani, painter and sculptor, Paris, 1920; Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister 1940-45 and 1951-55, London, 1965.

Conscription was introduced in Britain, 1916.

Book sale yields rare works on economics

By Jim McCue

A LIBRARY of almost 3,000 books on economics, built up by the academic and civil servant Sir Arnold Plant, is to be sold on Thursday by Bloomsbury Book Auctions.

The collection is especially strong in the 19th century, with works by Malthus, Bentham and Ricardo. But it stretches from Petty's *Political Arithmetic* (second edition, 1691, estimate £800-1,200) to works by Galbraith and Keynes (including a copy of his first book, *Indian Currency and Finance*, 1913, with an autograph presentation slip, estimate £600-800).

Born in 1898 — appropriately enough in a public library — Arnold Plant became a student at the London School of Economics, where he was later to spend 35 years as Professor of Commerce.

Shortly after graduating, Plant was offered the Chair of Commerce at the University of Cape Town, but in 1930 he returned to the LSE, then a galaxy of economics stars, to establish the Department of Business Administration.

Being interested in applied rather than theoretical economics, Plant is remembered principally as a teacher. He was, however, part of the generation of LSE market liberals, including Friedrich Hayek, Lionel Robbins and Karl Popper, who began a reaction against the school's socialist tradition.

During the Second World War, Plant's practical knowledge of industry was put to vital use in the Whitehall committees allocating raw materials.

Books were a family preoccupation. Plant's father was a librarian, and his sister, deputy librarian at the LSE, wrote a history of the book trade. Perhaps his own most enduring academic work concerned the economic effects of the copyright law.

He collected books throughout his working life, but spent only cautiously. Lot 120, the very scarce first edition of Antonie Augustin Cournot's *Recherches sur les Principes Mathématiques de la Théorie des Richesses* (Paris, 1838) contains a postcard from a Cambridge bookdealer offering it to Plant for 2s, post free, in 1933. The sale estimate is £3,000-5,000.

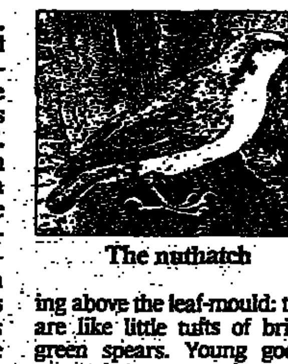
His frugal attitude to collecting was illustrated in the 1950s, when Plant was offered a book he had long coveted but been unable to find, Arthur Spedding's *Essays not relating to Bacon*. Despite his long search, he concluded that 30s was too much. So although extensive, this working library contains relatively few major individual treasures. There are, for instance, five copies of Adam Smith's monumental work *The Wealth of Nations*, but the earliest is a second edition (est. £1,500-2,000).

One episode in Plant's collecting life is a cautionary tale for other bibliophiles. A rare item, reasonably priced, appeared in an American catalogue. He duly ordered it, and then showed the entry to a friend in the Senior Common Room. Later, he was bemoaning having missed the book. "Did you write for it?", asked his colleague.

"Yes."

"Well I *cabled*."

Nature notes



The nuthatch

GREAT tits are in full song, and with their black, blue and yellow plumage are conspicuous in the hedgerows. The song is generally described as a repeated "teacher, teacher", but many variants on that can now be heard, including a waltz-like repetition of a triple note. Greenfinches are beginning to make their long-drawn-out wheezing note in the tree tops: this too has its variations, sometimes harsher, sometimes more twanging. Nuthatches are starting to whistle, and to make clear piping calls rather like a kestrel. They also send loud tapping sounds through the woods as they break open nuts with their dagger-like beaks.

In the milder parts of the country, leaves are coming out on the climbing stems of honeysuckle. Underfoot, the first bluebell leaves are showing above the leaf-mould: they are like little tufts of bright green spears. Young goosegrass plants are coming up in damp spots: at this stage they are neat and cylindrical, quite unlike the straggling growth of the summer. Some gorse bushes are in flower. The grey hair of old man's beard still trails over many roadside trees, and on young hornbeams there are wizened brown leaves that rustle in the wind.

DJM

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BIRTHS

BROOKS - On 17th January 1994 to Emma (née Wharton) and Robert Ian Baverstock, a son, Edward William Baverstock, a brother for Florence and Lily.
CARTHEW - On 18th January at Canterbury, to Joanna (née Falcon) and Jonathan, a daughter, Henrietta Julia.
CLARK - On January 18th, to Nicky and Duncan, a daughter, Iona Olivia.
FORD - On January 18th to Sarah (née Mackay) and Tony a son, William James Sutherland.
LLOYD - On 13th January to Sally (née Hammens) and Simon, a daughter, Bethany Ann, a sister for Hannah.
MEREDITH-HARDY - On January 11th, to Richard and Nicky (née Lindsay Smith), a son, Hugo, a brother for Alexandra and Isobel.
WARD - On 13th January to Fiona (née Barras) and Timothy, a son Charles Rupert.
WILLIAMS on January 21st to Bethan and Owain a daughter, Antonia Mary.
YOULES - On 15th January to Lucy and John, a son, Angus James Edward, always remembering Ian Tom.

DEATHS

ADAMS - George Mills, peacefully on 20th January, aged 87. Beloved husband of the late Mary, father of Bridget and grandfather of Josephine. Private cremation. No flowers please but donations if wished to RNLI, c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Chantry Road, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1DJ. Thanksgiving Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church, 2.30 pm on Friday 4th February.
BUCKRIDGE - (Dr) on January 19th 1994 peacefully at home June, deeply loved wife of Graham and loving mother of Gregory, Martin, Adrian and Stephen. Funeral Service at St Bridget's Church, West Kirby, Wirral on Thursday January 27th at 1.30 pm followed by cremation at Landican Crematorium, Wirral. No flowers please but if desired donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Quinns Funeral Service, West Kirby, Wirral. 051 625 5274.
BUMFREY - Malcolm, Oliver (Mac) died peacefully on January 20 1994, aged 65 years. Most loved and cherished man, husband and best friend to Jo, dearly loved and admired father of Susan, Sally, Cherry Ann and Rupert. Affectionate father in law to Henry, Götz, Jean and Robert. Fun grandpa to eleven important people, caring brother to Toby and her family. A tender, generous, courageous, humorous and much respected gentleman. Cremation at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday January 28 at 11 am followed by a thanksgiving service at Saint Marys Church, Stalbridge at 2.30 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to West Dorset Macmillan Service, care of Peter Jackson, Funeral Director, Mona, High Street, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset BA8 0RB Tel 0963 362570.
CASHELL - On January 21st Geoffrey Thomas Willoughby KStJ, DSc, MBBS, LMSSA, FRCS suddenly, but peacefully in Cornwall aged 88 years. Beloved husband of the late Hilda, devoted father of Patrick and Peter, very dear father-in-law of Philippa and Judy and much loved grandfather of Timothy, Elizabeth, Christopher, Jonathan, Victoria, Toby, Susanna, Olivia and Hugo. Donations to Cancer Research and enquiries about funeral arrangements to Maddaford, 0566 775740. A Memorial Service will be held in Reading at a date to be announced.
d'ARCY HUGHES - Arthur, died on January 21st 1994, aged 78. Funeral service Thursday 27th January 12.45pm at the Canon Hill Chapel, Canley Crematorium, Coventry. Enquiries to Grimmett and Timms Funeral Directors, Coventry. Tel: (0203) 674746.
DAVIES - On 16th January, R. Leslie Davies, aged 80 of Elstree, Herts. Beloved husband of Mary and father of Marjorie. Private funeral.
DEACON - Ernest Claud (Deac), peacefully on Wednesday 19th January 1994 in his ninetieth year. Much loved husband of Kathleen, father of Denise, grandfather of Jonathan, Jane and Debbie, great grandfather of William. Service at Southend-on-Sea Crematorium, Sutton Road, on Thursday 27th January 1994 at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Bakers Funeral Service, Danbury, Essex CM3 4QB by Wednesday 26th January.
DONALDSON - On 20th January, Donald Roy, died peacefully at the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford. Husband of Una Margaret and father of Margaret, Michael and William. Grandfather of nine beloved grandchildren. Funeral at St Martin's Church, East Horsley 10.15 am on Thursday 27th January. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Thomas Undertakers 0483 283206.
FINLAY - On 19th January in her 93rd year, Vera, of Scotswood, Troon, a beloved mother and grandmother and devoted daughter to the late Sir Frederick and Lady Henderson. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 26th January in St Ninian's Church, Troon. Thereafter committal entirely private. Please, no flowers.
GODLEY - On January 21st, peacefully, at Maidstone Hospital, the Hon. Mrs. Katharine Godley, of The Mount, Pluckley, Kent, aged 70, daughter of the late Lord Kilbracken and widow of Capt. Peter Komierowski. Funeral at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Pluckley at 3.00pm on Tuesday January 25th.
HAMPTON - On January 19th, peacefully at home, Wilfred, dearly loved husband of Joan and father of Alexina and Michael, and loving grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Church, Boldre on Thursday 3rd February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. c/o House & Sons, St Thomas Street, Lymington.
HEALE - On January 21st, on Corfu, Geoffrey Vernon, beloved husband of the late Margaret, father of Bill and Toby, grandfather of Deborah, Philip, Roger and Edward, brother of Meg, James, Barbara and Tony.
HURRAN - On 21st January peacefully after a prolonged illness W. John husband of Connie, father of Anne, Robert and Christopher, father-in-law of Susan and Peter. Proud grandfather of Elizabeth and Anthony. Retired Director of GLAXO Group. Much loved and respected by all. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service St John's URC, Hallowell Road, Northwood, Monday 31st January 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Vincent's Hospital Helping Hands Appeal, Wiltshire Lane, Eastcote, Pinner, HA5 2NB.
INMAN - Suddenly at her home, in Stonehaven, on Wednesday January 19th 1994, Joan Inman, M.S.C.P. Mother of Tim and beloved sister of Paul and a special friend of Brian. "An inspiration to all who knew her, now gone to the stars to join Cam". Cremation private at her own request.
McBAIN - On 20th January 1994 peacefully at the Chilton House Nursing Home where she spent eight very happy years. Jeannie (Jane) Cowie Murray aged 98 years, much loved sister of Helen. Private Cremation.
MONEY-COUTTS On 21st January, peacefully at home, Alexander Burdett, aged 91, widower of Mary and father of David, Elizabeth and Sarah. Funeral 2.00 pm Saturday 29th January at St Nicholas', Great Kimble, near Princes Risborough. All welcome. No flowers.
PORTER - On January 21st, in his 90th year, very peacefully in his sleep, Joseph Henry, much loved husband of the late Phyllis, of Pilton, Northamptonshire and formerly of Haddenham, Cambs. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' Church Pilton, near Oundle at 12 noon on Thursday January 27th. No flowers, please.
RANSOME WILLIAMS - On January 21st peacefully at Sedingham Hall Nursing Home aged 90 years C.G. (Garth), husband of Corinne Belden, father of Nigel and Hugh, grandfather of Simon, Emma and Mark. Funeral Service at St. Faith's Crematorium, Norwich on Wednesday January 26th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to 'Friends of Norwich Cathedral' or 'R.N.I.B. Talking Books' may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.
SAWLE-THOMAS - On 20th January, the eve of his 87th birthday, Dr John Clifford Sawle-Thomas F.R.C.P. husband of the late Dr Eva Walter Thomas, father of Carole and Mark and companion of Phil Brooks. Funeral on Thursday 27th January, enquiries to Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester 0962 844044.
SETH-SMITH - On January 20th 1994 Howard Seth-Smith dearly loved husband of Ailsa, died peacefully at home, not long before his 100th birthday. Funeral 1pm Achiltibuie Church. Tuesday 25th January.
WEBSTER - Henry Ruthben peacefully at Oxted Hospital on 20th January aged 89, much loved husband of the late Helen and brother of Mary, Peg and Iain. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium at 11.15 on Wednesday 26th January.
WITNEY - On January 20th peacefully at the Kent and Sussex hospital Joan dearly loved wife of Kenneth, mother of Jane and Nick and grandmother of Katy, Caroline, Tom, Sarah and Emma. Cremation (immediate family only) at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Thursday, January 27th. A Service of Thanksgiving for Joan's life will be held when Kenneth has recovered sufficiently from his injuries. Donations to Macintyre School, Wingrave, Aylesbury, HP22 4PD.

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MADDERN - Margarita, late of Middlesbrough, Cleveland, died 24th January 1993. Lovingly remembered by husband John and sons Gerald and Albert and families.
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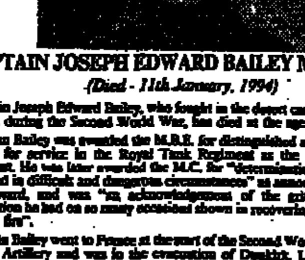
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Captain Bailey was awarded the M.B.E. for distinguished service at the age of 25 for service in the Royal Tank Regiment as the regimental tank adjutant. He was later awarded the M.C. for "determination and initiative evinced in difficult and dangerous circumstances" as announced the day of the award, and was "an acknowledgement of the grit, coolness and resolution he had on so many occasions shown in recovering tank casualties under fire".

Captain Bailey went to France at the start of the Second World War with the Royal Artillery and was in the evacuation of Dunkirk. Later he went to Sandhurst, was commissioned to the Royal Tank Regiment, and sailed for the Middle East. He was wounded at Medjez-el-Bab and was with the Eighth Army in their drive to Tunis. After the war Captain Bailey was posted to Egypt until his demob. He then returned to private life and his profession as a civil engineer. Captain Bailey operated his own engineering company for many years, until 1966 when he went to Canada and took a position with the Municipality in West Vancouver, British Columbia. He later returned to England in 1978 where he lived at Ledbroke Hall near Leamington Spa.

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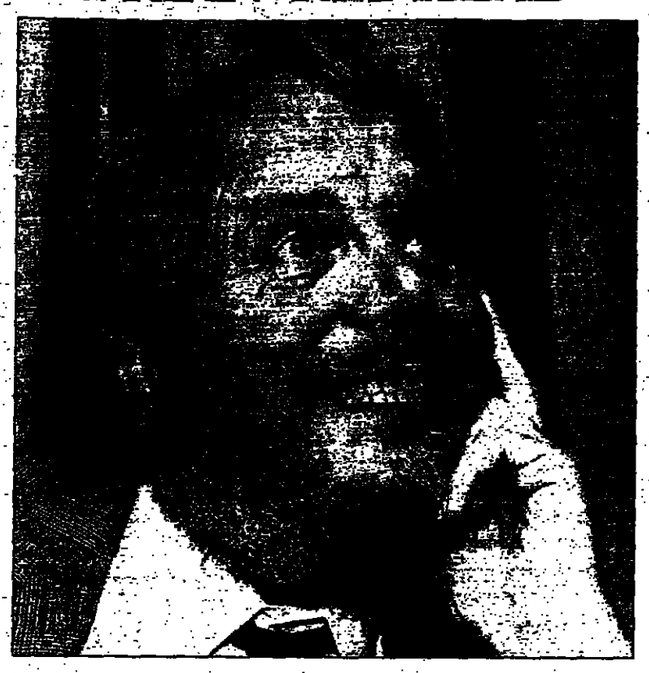
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BRIAN REDHEAD

Brian Redhead, broadcaster, journalist and Chancellor of Manchester University, died yesterday of cancer aged 64. He was born on December 28, 1929.



CHIEF presenter of BBC radio's *Today* programme for nearly two decades, Brian Redhead was one of the best known broadcasters of his generation. When he announced his forthcoming retirement last spring the news was properly regarded as an event of national significance — as was the jostling to succeed him as the dominant personality on BBC radio's flagship programme. From the moment he joined it in 1975 — initially in joint harness with John Timpson — he made not only his voice but his relaxed, occasionally bumptious manner as familiar as that of any politician.

Yet, remarkably, he only came to a full-time career in front of the microphone once his original ambition in print journalism had been disappointed. Recruited as a reporter straight from Cambridge by *The Manchester Guardian* in 1954, he never hid his determination to become editor.

That may have been part of the trouble — certainly in the *MG*'s slightly monastic former Cross Street offices he very soon acquired the reputation of being too brash for his own good. His services, though, to *The Guardian* were considerable. His most valuable contribution was made as features editor (a new appointment for the paper) from 1959 to 1962. In this job he introduced vast tracts of white space into the pages he controlled — a revolutionary concept in those days of relatively small daily newspapers. This irreverent attitude to type may not have commended him to the subs' desk; but it certainly made an impact on readers.

The truth was that all his life Redhead showed a flair for innovation and originality. A Geordie from the Northeast, he was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Downing College, Cambridge, where he took a first in Part 1 of the Historical Tripos. On coming down from university at the age of 24 — he had done his military service and a stint on a local paper before going up — he immediately joined the northern industrial staff of *The Manchester Guardian*. He lost no time in making his mark, both inside the paper and outside it.

Early on he attracted the notice of radio and TV producers — Manchester was then a great network centre — and by the late 1950s he was regularly presenting a regional BBC weekly television show of his own called *Points North*. He was always more fluent a talker than he was a writer — something, again, which tended to irritate his less articulate and more reclusive newspaper colleagues. Revealingly, the sobriquet of "the cheeky chappie" — an impression which even when interviewing Cabinet ministers he was never quite to shake off — was first thrust upon him by them.

Initially, his broadcasting career seemed just as likely to lie in television as radio. As a young man, and before he grew the shaggy beard that later became his trademark, Redhead possessed an undeniable elfin charm and at first the animation in his voice was fully matched by his animation in movement — he was the one-time presenter of a BBC TV programme called *Barn Dance* in which various young people in check shirts and jeans disported themselves.

For a year in the early 1960s he actually left *The Guardian* to become a reporter on BBC TV's *Tonight* programme. As it happened, *Tonight*'s greatest days were over by the time he arrived and it was with some relief — he had not been popular with his Lime Grove colleagues who had rather ganged up on him — that he returned to *The Guardian*, now established in London, as planning correspondent in 1964.

Redhead was never, however, a natural metropolitan figure and, when the chance arose a year later for him to return to Manchester as northern editor, he leapt at it. The timing was certainly fortunate. The Manchester staff was feeling demoralised by the exodus of all specialists to London; Redhead — with his bouncy, extrovert cheerfulness — was just the person to raise their spirits.

Being located back in Manchester was lucky in another respect. It offered him his chance to become a regular radio presenter. He cut his teeth on a weekly Radio Four chat show, produced from Manchester, called *A Word in Edgeways* — and, although some of its participants occasionally felt (given the chairman's loquacity) that the title had an all-too-literal meaning, there was no doubt of his success. He made it very much a vehicle for his own engaging and articulate personality. Even his surprise switch from the northern editorship of *The Guardian* to the editor's chair of the *Manchester Evening News* in 1969 did not interrupt his weekly flow of broadcast words.

The move to running *The Guardian*'s sister evening paper came about entirely at Redhead's own instigation. He proposed himself for the job to the company's chairman, Laurence Scott, who was only too relieved to accept his offer. (His reward was a directorship of the company which he may have felt would stand him in good stead if, or rather when, the chance came to throw his hat into the ring to be editor of *The Guardian* itself.) But by going to work in a separate vineyard he had removed himself from the competitive field. Although he applied for the post of editor of *The Guardian* when Alastair Hetherington left to become Controller BBC Scotland in March 1975, and was granted a preliminary interview, he was never considered a serious runner. Some thought it revealing that only a few months after Peter Preston's appointment Redhead, having precipitated a row with the management, abruptly left his editor's chair at the *Manchester Evening News*.

The invitation to join *Today* — already under Robert Robinson and John Timpson a much more professional programme than the earlier one presided over by Jack de Manio in the 1960s — came only a month or two later. Redhead almost immediately proved an inspired choice — and when Timpson moved off temporarily to television in 1976 easily carried the weight of being the BBC morning programme's principal anchor-man. When breakfast-time television started in 1983, there were those who thought that it would be bound to eat into *Today*'s authority and audience appeal. Nothing of the sort happened. Under Redhead and his various changing partners *Today* effortlessly went on setting the nation's political agenda while the best efforts of glamorous presenters on both BBC TV and TVam merely succeeded in rustling a few cornflakes.

It was not solely his achievement. *Today* has always been a tightly edited programme and much of the credit for its success belonged — even under Redhead — to its production team. But he did bring to it an air of breezy, informed cheekiness that very rapidly became its hallmark. There were those, of course, who found his style infuriating — and for a long time they included most Tory MPs (on one famous occasion in 1987 Nigel Lawson, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, accused Redhead on the air of being "a lifelong Labour supporter" — only to get rather the worse of the engagement). Even the well-established reports between 1979 and 1990 that Margaret Thatcher "loathed" the programme were tempered by the knowledge, not least on the part of her ministers, that she always listened to it.

In time Redhead began to spread his wings beyond the *Today* programme — presenting BBC radio's general election results programmes in 1979, 1983, 1987 and 1992. But it was in the area of religion that he found the greatest room for the extension of his talents. Much affected by the death of his youngest son in a road accident in France in 1982, Redhead that same year was confirmed within the Anglican Church. A succession of religious documentaries followed — starting with a biblical series called *The Good Book* in 1986, going through a history of the Church until the end of the Middle Ages presented under the title *The Christian Centuries* in 1988 and culminating with a look back on Christianity since the Reformation going out under the rubric *Protesters for Paradise* in 1992.

It still, however, came as a surprise when he announced well in advance of his prospective retirement that he intended, once he had given up broadcasting, to be ordained as an Anglican clergyman. In the event, the aspiration did not last for long. After his quite unexpected election as Chancellor of Manchester University last June — in which he easily defeated the Establishment candidate, Sir Crispin Tickell — Redhead let it be known that he had abandoned the prospect of ordination on the rather curious ground that it would involve him enrolling as one of his own students (he had intended to take the theological course at Manchester University).

Probably the reality was that he had dreaded having nothing to do in retirement and that his suddenly acquired titular headship of the largest university outside London had solved that problem for him. Certainly, no one ever denied that he was one of the most energetic of men, and it had always been hard to think of him settling down to do nothing — even when his regular broadcasting career was over.

Brian Redhead married in 1954 Jenni Salmon. She survives him together with two sons and one daughter.

TELLY SAVALAS

Telly Savalas, American film and television actor, died of cancer on January 22 aged 70. He was born on Long Island, New York, on January 21, 1924.



PLAYING a bald-headed, lollipop-sucking detective in the American television series *Kojak* turned Telly Savalas from a moderately successful supporting actor, best known for his portrayals of villains, into an international star.

He portrayed Kojak as a thick-skinned, tender-hearted intelligent cop who solved crimes in the seedier areas of New York with his head rather than his fists, and his catchphrase, "Who loves ya baby?" became renowned internationally.

Launched in the United States in 1973, the *Kojak* series ran for five years and 110 episodes, and drew large audiences throughout the world. It was particularly popular in Britain, where it was transmitted by the BBC.

As well as being the star, Savalas directed several episodes and was joined in the series by his brother, George, who played Kojak's assistant, detective Stavros. George Savalas died of leukaemia in 1985.

Savalas first shaved his head for the part of Pontius Pilate in the 1965 biblical epic, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, at the behest of George Stevens the director. He thought little of his performance in the Pilate role but realised that baldness had provided him with an effective trademark. To maintain the look he had to shave his head twice a day. His other trademark, the lollipop, represented Kojak's attempt to give up smoking.

Despite having little pretension as a singer, Savalas exploited his television fame in 1975 with a record, *If*, which sold nearly a million copies and went to the top of the charts. He also did a song and dance act in nightclubs. But he became too closely associated with the one character and when *Kojak* finished he found it difficult to develop his career in other directions.

Born Aristotole Savalas, his parents were Greek immigrants, his father a businessman who made and lost several fortunes, his mother a former Miss Greece. After attending schools in Connecticut, Long Island and the Bronx, Savalas served with the US Army towards the end of the Second World War and was injured in action.

He took a degree in psychology at Columbia University and after an abortive attempt to enter medical school joined the Information Services of the State Department, becoming assistant director for the Near East, South Asia and Africa. In 1955 he switched to the news section of the ABC Television network, where he was a senior director of news and special events, and won a Peabody Award for the documentary, *Your Voice of America*.

He did not become an actor until he was well into his thirties, and only then by accident. Asked to find someone to play a judge in a television play, Savalas himself auditioned and got the part. He took quickly to showbusiness. "The second show I did on TV, I was the lead," he told an interviewer in 1973. "I made $900 and I was having fun saying some other guy's words. This is a dangerous profession for the ego."

In 1960 he played Lucky Luciano and other underworld figures in the courtroom series *The Witness*, was spotted by Burt Lancaster and given a supporting role in *The Young Savages*, a film about juvenile crime in Harlem.

He went on to play a vicious convict in another Lancaster film, *Birdman of Alcatraz*, and gained an Oscar nomination for best supporting actor.

Thereafter he was cast in a succession of brutal roles, notably as one of the long-term prisoners engaged in a Second World War suicide mission in *The Dirty Dozen*.

He was appropriately cast, too, as the malevolent Blofeld in the James Bond film, *You Only Live Twice*. Sometimes he managed to give his villainy a lighter touch, as with his English lord in the 1969 comedy, *The Assassination Bureau*.

He first played Kojak in a television film, *The Marcus-Nelson murders*, based on a true story of two young women murdered in their Manhattan apartment. The series soon followed. He did not mind in the least being typecast. "I made 60 movies before *Kojak* with some of the biggest names in the business, and people would still say, 'There goes what's-his-name,'" he once told an interviewer.

His portrayal of Kojak as a tough-talking, streetwise detective who was prepared to bend the rules was in marked contrast to a contemporary television detective, Colombo, who was played by Peter Falk as a mild-tempered figure in a rumpled raincoat and scruffy suits. Savalas's Kojack wore expensive three-piece suits. "He's a guy from the streets of New York who was always poor," said Savalas in justification. "They won't let him go out with girls on the show, so what else can he spend his salary on but clothes?"

Kojak was one of the top ten shows in its first season and Savalas won an Emmy — the television equivalent of an Oscar — as best actor in a dramatic series in 1974, gaining another Emmy two years later. He continued to make films through the 1970s, including some in Britain and on the Continent. But he was unable to translate the worldwide success of *Kojak* into similar status in the cinema.

In 1976 a British jury awarded him £34,000 libel damages over an article published by the *Daily Mail* which alleged that he was unable to carry out his work in a professional manner, saying that his wild nightlife with girls and his "cronies" on film location in Berlin led him to forget his lines. The size of the damages award — which was high at the time — aroused comment but the actor was delighted and promised to spend all of it in Britain.

Kojak was dropped by the CBS network in March 1978 because of falling ratings. Trying to diversify, Savalas played a Philadelphia attorney in *Hellenger's Law*, but the idea did not proceed beyond the pilot.

After a gap of seven years he returned to play Kojak in a feature-length adventure, *Kojak: The Belarus File*. It failed to spark off the intended series but a new series did eventually go into production in 1989.

Telly Savalas was married three times and had a nine-year relationship with the British actress, Sally Adams, which became the subject of an acrimonious court case after they split up. He had six children.

He is survived by his children and Julie Howland, his third wife.

BILL PODMORE

Bill Podmore, former producer of Granada TV's *Coronation Street*, died on January 22 aged 62. He was born in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, on August 15, 1931.

BORN the son of a butcher, Edgar William Podmore was the youngest of seven children. At 16 he became an RAF apprentice at Cranwell, studying radio and radar but, after three years, he was accepted for air crew training, and qualified as a pilot, serving in Germany and in what was then Northern Rhodesia.

Leaving the RAF at 22, he worked successively for Marconi, the BBC in London, ATV in Birmingham, before joining the then fledgling Granada TV company in Manchester as a cameraman. For ten frustrating years, his efforts to become something more were blocked by a Granada executive who repeatedly told him to stay what he was — a good cameraman. But, in the late 1960s, his persistence was rewarded and he became a director.

He swiftly made a reputation, particularly for his handling of comedies, including *Nearest And Dearest*, with Hylda Baker and Jimmy Jewel, *The Last Of The Baskets*, with Arthur Lowe, and several others of which he became producer as well as director. In late 1975, he was asked to take over production of *Coronation Street*. The serial was not then the admired and much-celebrated institution it was to become in his charge. It was merely an elderly soap opera. Although still attracting large audiences, its initial impetus had died away, and it had lost most of the writers who first built strongly on Tony Warren's original creation. In Podmore's hands the show blossomed again, becoming even more popular, not just with mass audiences, but also with discerning intellectuals. In time it became not merely defensible but chic to notice the show's strengths in acting and writing.

Podmore was sometimes accused of turning a drama serial into a sitcom, and certainly he introduced to the writers' table those whose preference was for the human comedy. But the style and strength he sought was that of Charles Dickens (as John Betjeman once noted, pleasing Podmore immensely). The characters might be larger than life, but they had to be authentic and individual. All his life Podmore had a relish for the word or deed that illumined character, and reflected exuberant human variety.

In the 1980s the tabloid press, hanging on every newsworthy turn of plot and liking nothing better than to spoil a good story by giving away the ending, dubbed him "The Godfather," supposedly because he liked to kill off rebellious actors. In fact, only three characters met violent ends during his 13-year rule. The myth sprang up that the shooting of Ernie Bishop was a riposte to an actor's demand for a pay increase. In fact, the actor having decided to leave, his character was killed only so that Emily Bishop might have a useful future rather than be left in limbo.

After his retirement in 1988, handsome sums were offered him if he would recount the unknown scandals. He always refused. He was loyal to his actors, and many of them had experience of his tact and kindness. Since he had a horror of being bored, he avoided such show-business types as were passionately self-engrossed. On one occasion, asked what was the nicest thing about Violet Carson (Ena Sharples in the show), he thought for a while, then replied: "Her sister."

He liked the company of writers, and knew that their work was the foundation of any drama. On one occasion Arthur Lowe, having just invented a fine piece of business in the rehearsal room, and wishing to needle a scriptwriter, said: "We don't need writers, do we, Bill?" to which Podmore replied: "Course we don't, Arthur. Not once we've got the script."

Although never one to issue threats or thump tables, he almost always got exactly what he wanted, both personally and professionally. This was because he had exceptional warmth and likeability. At the sight or sound of him, one's spirits rose. There was laughter on the way.

He was attractive to women and, to use a phrase that once made him smile, Venus had been kind to him. Despite two broken marriages, his wives continued to love him, as did a remarkable number of the people who worked with and for him. He was a talented gardener, and a good cook. He liked sea fishing and loved skiing. Although music was not a vital part of his life, he had a fondness for Grieg and for Beethoven's Emperor Concerto. He leaves a son and daughter.

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THE TIMES

THE KAISER.

EXTRADITION REFUSED.

PARIS, Jan. 23.— The following is the text of the Dutch Government's reply to the Allied Note with regard to the extradition of the ex-Kaiser:—

The Government of the Queen has the honour to point out, in the first place, that the obligations which are imposed upon Germany as the result of the Treaty of Peace cannot have weight in determining the duty of the Netherlands, which are not a party to this Treaty.

The Government of the Queen, actuated also by imprescriptible reasons, can only view the question raised by the demand of the Allies from the point of view of its own duty. It had absolutely no part in the beginnings of the war, and it maintained, not without difficulty, its neutrality to the end.

It energetically repudiates any suggestion of covering with its sovereign right and with its moral authority the violations of the essential principles of the solidarity of nations, but it is unable to admit that it is an international duty to associate herself with the act of high international policy of the Allied Powers. If in the future it was in the intention of the nations to establish an international jurisdiction, competent in the event of war to judge acts alleged to be crimes and liable to be punished by statutes passed previous to the commission of the acts, it would be for Holland to associate herself with the new regime.

The Government of the Queen can admit up to the present no other duty than that which is imposed upon it by the laws of the realm, and the national traditions.

If, therefore, the constituent laws of the Kingdom are based upon the principle of a universally recognized right, if the expression of the secular tradition has made of that country from all times a land of refuge for the vanquished in international conflicts the Government of the Queen cannot defer to the desire of the Powers by withdrawing from the ex-Emperor the benefits of its laws and its traditions.

AMERICAN VIEW OF DUTCH RESPONSIBILITY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 23

The New York *Tribune*, expressing the feelings of those Americans who desire to see justice done, takes exception this morning to the discussion on the question of the ex-Kaiser's surrender from the standpoint of whether the Allies have the right to make demands on Holland.

Why not (it says) turn the issue around and ask on what grounds Holland can justify the protection of this criminal. Is not it her moral duty, as it is her legal privilege, to expel him on her own initiative? Does she not become an accomplice after the fact by shielding so monstrous an offender?

There is nothing in international law or the usages of nations requiring her to give asylum unless she wishes to. Is not it a mockery of law for her to say she may so use her discretionary power as to defeat the ends of justice?

ON THIS DAY

January 24 1920

"Hang the Kaiser" was a popular cry in 1918. The Treaty of Versailles made provision for his prosecution for "a supreme offence against international morality". The Dutch Government's action negated what could have been a legally contentious issue.

NEWS

Tories plead to Clarke on tax

■ Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, faced anxious demands from Conservative MPs for tough new public spending curbs to salvage the reputation of the Tories as the party of low taxation.

Treasury admissions that the tax burden of the average family is about to become greater than it was under Labour in 1979 provoked a wave of concern among Conservative MPs and party activists, with widespread fears about their impact on the local and European elections later this year ..... **Page 1, 2, 17**

Bosnian Muslims call for UN air raids

■ *Bosnian Muslims appealed to Nato to launch air strikes on* Serb gun positions above Sarajevo, as an outgoing United Nations commander bitterly attacked his UN political masters for creating "a crisis of confidence and purpose"... **Pages 1, 13**

Lack of judgment

An unprecedented shortage of High Court judges has been compounded by the failure of Lloyd's names to settle their disputes out of court. There will shortly be just one judge available to handle all disputes in the High Court Queen's Bench division.... **Page 1**

Redhead dies

Brian Redhead, the veteran presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, died in hospital after treatment for cancer of the stomach. He was 64. There were warm tributes from leaders of all political parties, despite the abrasive treatment he gave many politicians during 18 years of early-morning interviews **Pages 1, 3, 19**

Instant clamping

Motorists who park on yellow lines persistently and fail to pay outstanding penalty tickets will find their vehicles recognised by a hand-held computer and immediately clamped under a new scheme being tested by traffic wardens ..... **Page 1**

Jobless threat

The jobless total could rise by a quarter of a million because of plans to replace sickness and invalidity benefit, according to *statistics with ministers* ..... **Page 2**

Dialysis block

Kidney dialysis machines in London are still being allowed to stand idle while patients elsewhere are left to die..... **Page 5**

Mother's challenge

A woman whose daughter, 10, was taken away from her for a year because of a mistaken diagnosis of sex abuse is to challenge a judge's finding that she cannot sue for damages ..... **Page 7**

Riding battle

Leaked plans to restore the Ridings to Yorkshire have been met with disapproval from traditionalists who claim they are being short-changed..... **Page 8**

Economy drive

Motorists would be paying at least £625 a year if the road tax were made to cover the full social cost of the roads they use and the pollution they cause..... **Page 10**

Malaysian heat on

The government was facing growing embarrassment over persistent suggestions that companies involved in a controversial aid project benefited from a £1 billion arms agreement with Malaysia..... **Page 11**

Mud peril

Homeless victims of last Monday's earthquake in Los Angeles were coaxed out of makeshift encampments and into tent cities as forecasts of heavy rain raised the *threat of mudslides*..... **Page 12**

Theatre tribute

The theatres of Paris dimmed their lights in tribute at the death of Jean-Louis Barrault, the actor-director ..... **Page 13**

Mistress or job: the Austrian choice

President Klestil of Austria, under pressure to choose between his mistress and his job, promised to sort out his personal problems and end a growing scandal without delay. Herr Klestil's wife, Edith, left him this month because of his relationship with Margot Loeffler, a Foreign Ministry aide whose duties brought her close to the President..... **Page 15**



Hein Arne Mathisen, of Norway, flying high above the northern Japanese city of Sapporo in the large hill World Cup ski jumping yesterday

SPORT

Pitching in: Gary Armstrong, the Scotland scrum half, will win his 29th rugby union cap against England *at Murrayfield next Saturday* after proving his fitness for Jed-Forest at the weekend..... **Page 21**

Off the lead: Howard Clark, the British Ryder Cup player, finished second for the second week running, this time in the Moroccan Open ..... **Page 22**

Bobbing along: Mark Tout gave Britain a boost before the Winter Olympics by winning the silver medal in the four-man bobsleigh at the European championships in La Plagne, France ..... **Page 28**

BUSINESS

Board shake-up: When Lonrho issues its latest figures tomorrow, the City expects four directors, including *the chairman, to announce* their retirement..... **Page 40**

Paper chase: Andreas Whittam Smith, founder of *The Independent*, is expected today to put forward the Mirror Group as financial saviour of the troubled broadsheet..... **Page 40**

Sold short: Big retailers' dreams of economic recovery faded last week with gloomy news from two of the largest. Graham Searjeant argues that the days of heady growth are still a long way off..... **Page 38**

ARTS

Portillo's patch: Are Michael Portillo's constituents rallying to his call? Matthew d'Ancona ventures *beyond the North Circular* in search of Southgate Man..**Page 14**

Glamour glitz: After the years of bare-faced beauty, the couture houses are splashing out in bold, bright colours and brilliant metallics ..... **Page 15**

TELEVISION

Reasons to believe: With moral issues firmly back on the national political agenda, Peter Jackson reports a new impetus in religious education ..... **Page 29**

ARTS

John the divine: John Tavener was once seen as a superstitious freak. But at 50, he is one of a number of composers who have revived the religious spirit of music, becoming a cult figure ..... **Page 31**

Foiled heroics: From the *Thunderbirds FAB* team comes a spoof of *The Three Musketeers*. Unfortunately, it is a draggy effort and very ordinary romp ..... **Page 31**

Star return: Opera North's revival of Chabrier's comedy, *L'Etoile*, is all a revival should be: even better than the original 1991 production that was so brilliantly staged by Phyllida Lloyd..... **Page 32**

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Veronda Banda, an ex-ANC guerrilla, who is to run the Soweto office of President de Klerk's Nationalists for the South African election Page 11



Sally Perdue, a former beauty queen, with whom President Clinton is alleged to have had an affair when he was Governor of Arkansas Page 12



Alec Stewart hit a century before retiring hurt in the opening match of England's cricket tour to the West Indies against an Antigua XI Page 12

THE TIMES TOMORROW

LA lawyers get moving

■ Los Angeles lawyers with their downtown offices got off lightly when the earthquake struck. Now they are busy dealing with the legal aftermath as the city tries to return to normal

Reining in child kidnap

■ Are the courts powerful enough to deal with a *parent who decides that he is going to take the law into* his own hands?

Focus on a century of images

■ The Hulton Deutsch Collection: how to select an exhibition from 15 million photographs of some of the most important events of the 20th century

HIGHLIGHTS

The boot goes in

Graham Taylor is seen during 18 rocky months as England football manager in *Cutting Edge* (Channel 4, 9pm)..... **Page 39**

OPINION

Clarke's case

For a Conservative government that wished to restore its reputation for plain-dealing and economic competence, a convincing defence against the argument on taxes would not be so hard to find **Page 17**

British platoons

When Michael Portillo spoke this month of the decline in national morale, he launched a much-needed debate on the nature of Britishness. His speech raised questions which *The Times* will address in a series of articles starting today..... **Page 17**

All our todays

The unexpected death of Brian Redhead yesterday ends a memorable chapter in British journalism..... **Page 17**

LETTERS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Conservative ministers now hate the newspapers; some of them are quite hysterical . . . at receptions . . . when they catch my eye, they search hastily for a tray of canapés in the farthest corner of the room **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

If . . . the Tories are at last running out of luck and time, whether under John Major or someone else, then the character of the alternative is crucial ..... **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Brian Redhead, scourge of the pompous politician; Telly Savalas, American actor; Bill Podmore, the former producer of *Coronation Street* ..... **Page 20**

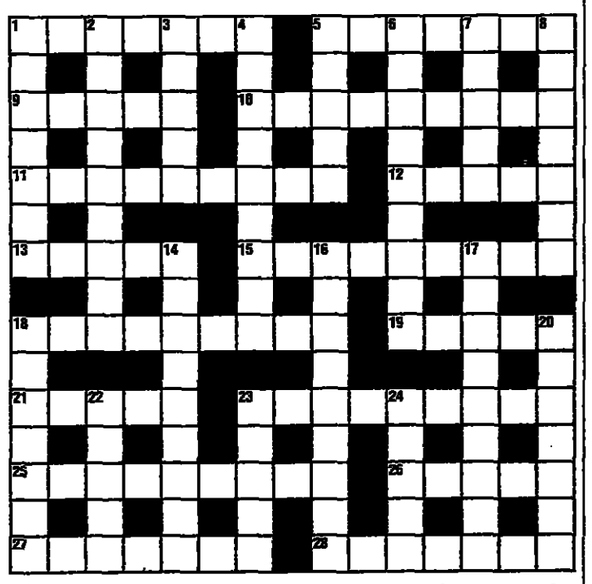
LEADERS

Attempts to improve the air we breathe..... **Page 17**

LEADERS

Calamities of this sort [the California earthquake] tend to still temporarily the voices that normally cry out against acts of generosity sponsored by government. "There but for the grace of God go I" turns out to be a reasonable guide to social policy — *The Washington Post*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,447



ACROSS

1 Meet a sailor going around the shore (7).
5 Intimidates with discourtesy – such a bloomer (7).
9 Decline to cover the London area (5).
10 Properly treated, are able to develop (9).
11 *3 teams were real fighters* (9).
12 Newspaper leader admitting people bring about reform (5).
13 Old king behind a sucker (5).
15 *The Cockney is only a quarter as* sensitive (4-5).
18 Rule a girl out of order, though it's irregular (9).
19 Big Sarah backs the noose! (5).
21 Little beast is cut short by the minister (5).
23 Carried away by a stirring tale? (9).

DOWN

1 Joining a novice in a prostrate position (7).
2 23 *dn* is in favour of cutting the discount (9).
3 Newsmen in force (5).
4 A *plant to cover the ground* quickly to good effect (9).
5 A level hundred pounds will go on dope (5).
6 Sort of bread unsuitable for sandwiches? (9).
7 Like going into sheltered accommodation that's for rent (5).
8 He's appealing – quiet and superior (7).
14 When newly-fixed, tries fire alarms (9).
16 A way to assist the head in all seriousness (9).
17 Wrongly appraised? Get away! (9).
18 Fish to catch from deck (7).
20 Told of Parisian appearing in gold and scarlet (7).
22 Increase about right for a cleaner (5).
23 A rascal to be taken in hand (5).
24 Move in a dream, blessedly unaware (5).
25 Dislike shown for a retrogressive body in a note (9).
26 Carry outside left, being dim (5).
27 Daughter men see developing the estate (7).
28 The woman a revolutionary fleeced (7).

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,446 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.51 am — Sun sets: 4.36 pm

Moon rises: 1.36 pm — Moon sets: 5.13 am

Full Moon January 27

London 4.36 pm to 7.51 am
Bristol 4.45 pm to 8.00 am
Edinburgh 4.23 pm to 8.22 am
Manchester 4.36 pm to 8.07 am
Penzance 5.02 pm to 8.07 am

Tourist rates are on page 37

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Wales and southern England will have rain or drizzle at times. Some sleet or snow over the Welsh hills. Most of *northern England dry with bright spells but* rain will reach western areas by midnight.

Northern Ireland will have rain or drizzle. Apart from early wintry showers in the north, Scotland will be dry and bright. Cloud and rain in western areas in the evening. Windy in the north. Mild in the south.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S Eng, E Anglia, Channel Is:** Cloudy with rain or drizzle at times. Drier in the afternoon. Wind W, mainly light. Mild. Max 9C (48F)

☐ **Midlands, SW Eng, S Wales, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland:** Cloudy with rain or drizzle. Wind mainly W, moderate to fresh. Mild. Max 11C (52F)

☐ **E, Cent N, NE Eng, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** Mostly dry. Some bright spells. Wind mainly W, light to *moderate. Feeling fresh. Max 6C (43F)*

☐ **N Wales:** Cloudy with rain or drizzle. Some snow over the hills. Wind west, light to moderate. Feeling fresh. Max 7C (45F)

☐ **NW Eng, Lakes, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent H'lands, Argyll:** Mostly dry and bright at first but becoming cloudy with rain. Wind W, freshening later. Chilly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Wintry showers, then drier and brighter. Wind W, fresh. Cold. Max 4C (39F)

☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled with rain on Tuesday. Brighter with showers on Wednesday. Windy in the north.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; d=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.0	-	7	45	b	Margate	X	-	11	52	du
Anglesey	3.8	-	9	48	c	Minehead	X	0.01	11	52	s
Aspatria	0.9	0.02	7	45	r	Morecambe	2.2	0.07	7	45	r
Aviemore	0.3	0.26	4	39	sn	Norwich	3.9	-	10	50	s
Belfast	1.0	0.03	7	45	sh	Nottingham	4.9	0.06	9	48	s
Birmingham	5.0	-	10	50	s	Penzance	0.6	0.15	12	54	d
Bognor R	0.6	-	11	52	d	Plymouth	-	0.01	10	50	c
Bournemouth	0.3	-	12	54	d	Poole	-	-	12	54	c
Bristol	3.9	0.09	10	50	s	Rose-o-wye	3.4	-	10	50	s
Buxton	4.1	0.13	5	41	s	Sandown	-	-	10	50	du
Cardiff	5.0	0.12	9	48	s	Saunton Snd	1.8	0.09	10	50	b
Clacton	1.4	-	10	50	d	Scarboro'	1.8	-	8	46	b
Colwyn Bay	3.2	0.14	10	50	b	Scilly Isles	-	0.02	11	52	c
Cromer	5.9	-	9	48	s	Shanklin	-	0.01	10	50	d
Eastbourne	-	-	9	48	d	Southend	-	-	11	52	du
Edinburgh	1.0	0.06	7	45	sh	Southport	5.0	-	X	X	s
Ekdalesmuir	-	0.10	5	41	sh	Southsea	0.2	-	10	50	c
Exmouth	0.5	-	11	52	c	Stornoway	1.1	0.14	5	41	r
Folkestone	-	0.02	10	50	d	Swanage	0.5	-	11	52	c
Glasgow	0.8	0.15	7	45	sh	Teignmouth	1.7	-	13	55	c
Guernsey	-	0.06	12	54	c	Tenby	4.5	0.07	10	50	b
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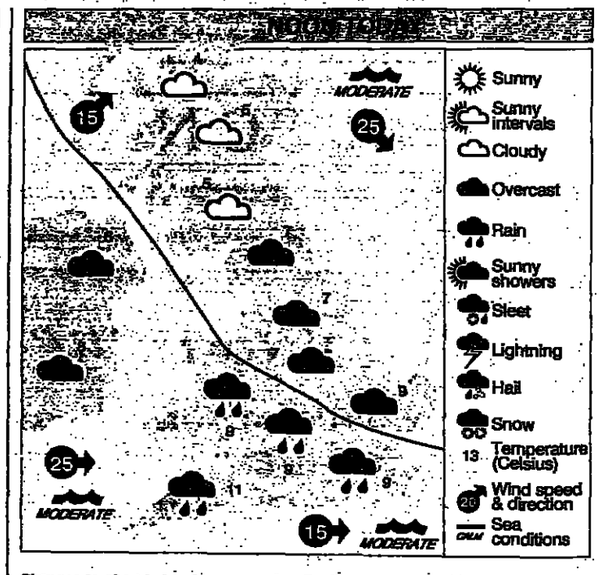
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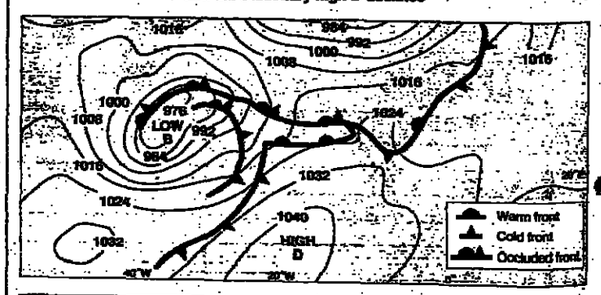
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Ilfracombe	3.20	7.26	3.51	7.48	Tees	3.44	7.66	4.15	7.86
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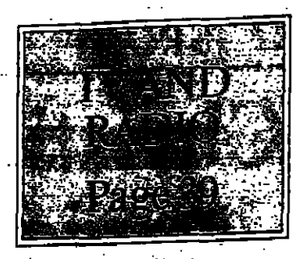
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Lewis late withdrawal from opening game of tour

England openers make hay in sun

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN ANTIGUA

A HEALTHY start by England on the field yesterday was not duplicated off it as Chris Lewis was forced to pull out of the side for the opening match of their tour at the last minute, suffering from sunstroke.

Shortly after the tea interval on the first day of the four-day match against an Antiguan XI, England had reached 265 for one, Michael Atherton having won the toss. Alec Stewart completed a faultless century before retiring hurt with a tight hamstring — more as a precaution than through real injury — and Atherton later followed suit.

ENGLAND XI: First innings

*M A Atherton not out	109
A J Stewart retired hurt	106
G P Thorpe lbw b Quinn	1
R A Smith not out	26
Extras	38
Total (1 wkt)	285

G A Hick, N Hussain, A P Igglesden, R C Lewis (w), I D K Salisbury, A R Caddick and S L Watkin to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-183.
ANTIGUA: E Waldron, N Warner, D Joseph, *M Simon, A Walsh, H A G Anthony, J Joseph, C Joseph, V Smith, R Challenger, W Quinn.
Umpires: C Mack and P White.

The only setback for England in the opening two sessions was the failure of Graham Thorpe, who was given the first opportunity to fill the No 3 position for the first Test in a month's time.

While Atherton and Stewart, captain and vice-captain, took full advantage of a club-standard attack to put on an opening stand of 181, Lewis, whose career has been dogged by such mishaps, was confined to the shade and will miss a vital chance to shine in these important early days.

It is not an auspicious start for the Nottinghamshire all-rounder, who has such a vital role to play in England's success or failure over the next three months. Injuries, of course, will happen, but Lewis seems particularly prone to last-minute withdrawals and this one surely could have been avoided.

Presumably, as he was born in Guyana, Lewis was confident that he would not be affected by the heat, but by shaving his head on the second day of the tour, a statement perhaps of his new aggressive intent, and not wearing a hat during some practice sessions last week, Lewis has invited trouble, which seems to follow him naturally anyway. He was seen by a doctor at the local hospital in St John's yesterday and advised to stay out of the sun for the next few days.

Twice, at the Oval in 1990 and Headingley in 1991, Lewis has had to pull out of tests on the morning of the match. Neither absence was properly explained, though Lewis, 25, has suffered from circulatory problems throughout his career. Lewis's place yesterday was taken by Alan Igglesden, who has a lengthy medical record of his own.

Whatever Lewis's aversion to the sun, the England openers were quite happy to make hay in it against an enthusiastic but raw attack drawn mainly from local clubs. Of the Antiguan XI, only Hamesh Anthony, who once played for Glamorgan and reached the fringes of the West Indies side, and Dave Joseph, have experienced first-class cricket. The rest are novices at this level and Stewart and Atherton enjoyed the gentlest of introductions to Caribbean conditions.

The pair will face many more testing starts over the next few months but, as an exercise in enhancing confidence after a week of net practice and months of talk, this was just about ideal.

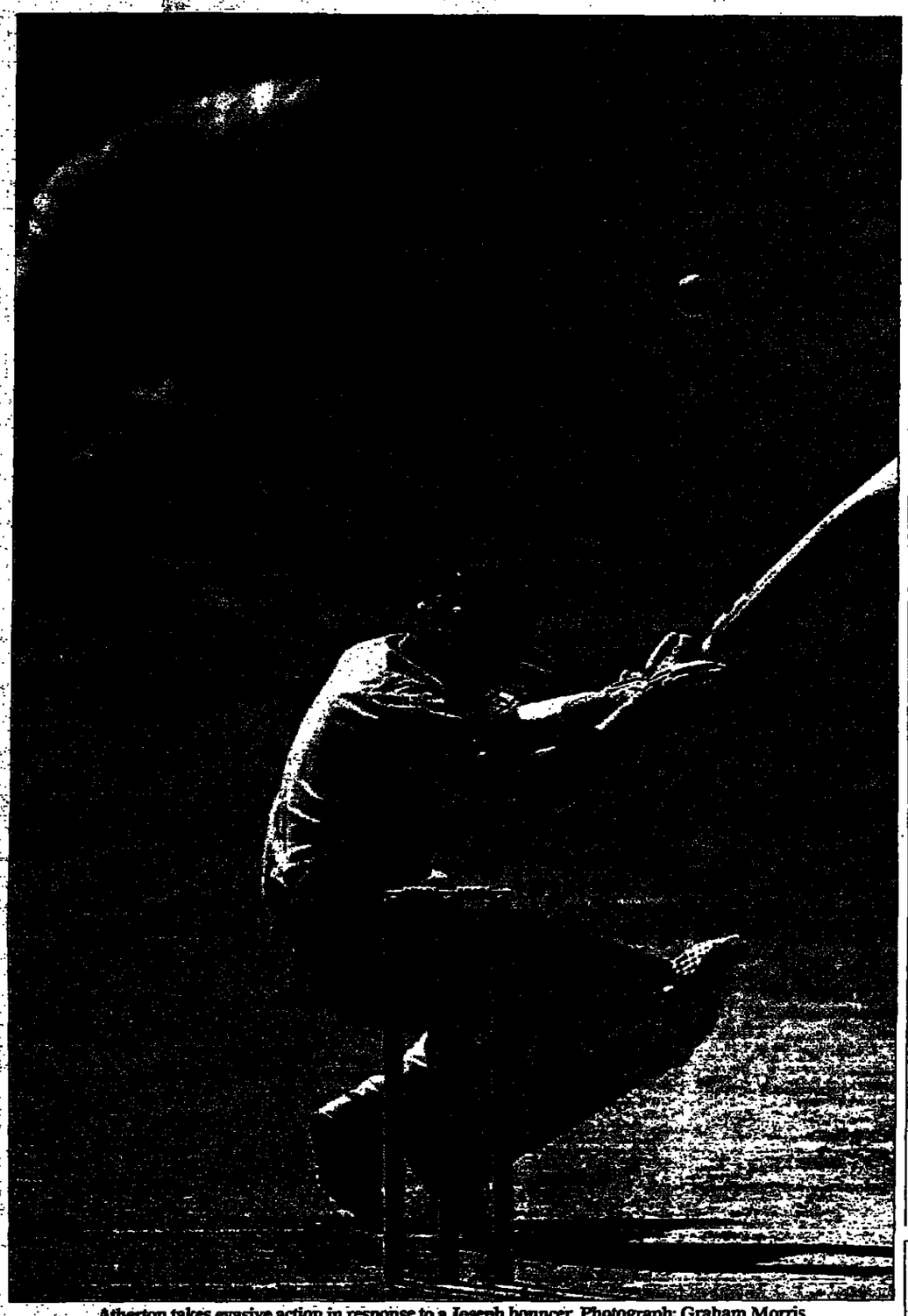
Stewart, in particular, was in regal form, hammering his second ball of the morning to the cover-point boundary after a brief downpour had caused play to be delayed for 20 minutes. Four balls later, he flat-batted another boundary through mid on, drawing a babble of appreciation from a small band of locals.

The second over, bowled by Randy Challenger, a gangling youth with a touch of Joel Garner in his action but none of the accuracy, produced three no-balls, two fours and two aborted run-ups. After four overs, England had scored 35, after nine they were 50 and when the drinks were wheeled on at the end of the first hour, the opening stand had reached 73 at more than seven an over and Atherton, who had been the more tentative of the two early on, had begun to flourish as well, working his favourite areas through mid-wicket and backward of cover point.

Not until Anthony made a belated appearance in the attack after lunch, with England 111-0 and disappearing over the horizon, did anything disturb their progress. Atherton had to sway away from the first really nasty ball of the day, from Anthony, before following Stewart to his 50 with a sliced drive over gully.

Stewart's century came soon after, with his sixteenth four, but, having received treatment for his hamstring from the England physio, Dave Roberts, he wisely decided he had done enough for one day and headed for the pavilion.

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Atherton takes evasive action in response to a Joseph bouncer. Photograph: Graham Morris

Scotland coax Armstrong to return for five nations' duty

BY DAVID HANDS AND ALAN LORIMER

GARY Armstrong's return to international rugby has been confirmed. The scrum half proved his fitness during Jed-Forest's 33-10 McEwan's League victory over Gala on Saturday. Duncan Paterson, the Scottish team manager, said it would be a "tremendous boost" to have Armstrong winning his 29th cap against England at Murrayfield on February 5.

Having revoked last summer's decision to play only club rugby, Armstrong admitted, after only his third match since playing for the Barbarians against New Zealand seven weeks ago, that he "felt tired in the legs, probably because I have been training every day and put in a lot of running." He has been coached by Chico Woods, a professional sprint trainer.

Bryan Redpath, of Melrose, remains as the replacement scrum half because Andy Nicol, who bruised ribs playing against Wales, cannot be sure of appearing for Dundee High School Former Pupils next weekend. Kenny Milne, the experienced hooker, must play for Heriot's Former Pupils next Saturday too after missing the club's match at the weekend.

Should Milne fail to fulfil these requirements Scotland will call up Kevin McKenzie, the reserve hooker. This weekend, Armstrong admitted that he had "missed being part of the international side" but Scotland has missed him too. While he has agreed to come back for the Calcutta Cup match he has ruled out the possibility of going on any tours with Scotland.

Meanwhile, there are no worries over Gregor Townsend, who retired from the Jed-Forest-Gala match on Saturday with an injury that has been diagnosed as bruising to the hip.

Ireland have made five changes, three positional, in their team to play Wales in Dublin on February 5: Mark McCall, the Bangor centre, will make his five nations' championship debut, his Ulster colleague, Denis McBride, returns at flanker and Brian Robinson, Paddy Johns and Mick Galwey perform an intricate little dance in the back five of the scrum after the 35-15 defeat by France.

McCall, 26, was capped twice on the Irish tour of New Zealand in 1992 and replaces Vincent Cunningham, whose season ended on Saturday when he damaged knee ligaments playing for St Mary's College. McBride, who proved his recovery from a knee injury in Malone's narrow win over Galwegians, claims his place once more from Ken O'Connell and with it his fourteenthcap.

Galwey will be pleased to move from flanker to lock instead of Johns, who moves back to No 8, the position in which he was picked for the 1992 tour, though his ten caps have come at lock. Robinson, formerly the No 8, moves to the blind-side flank where he played on tour in New Zealand, though not in the two internationals.

IRELAND: C P O'Shea (Lansdowne); R M Wallace (Garryowen), M C McCall (Bangor), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), B F Robinson (Ballymena), M J Galwey (Shannon), N P J Francis (Old Belvedere), W D McBride (Malone), P S Johns (Dungannon). Replacements: A N Other, A N McGowan (Blackrock College), R Saunders (London Irish), K D O'Connell (Sunday's Well), G F Halpin (London Irish), K G M Wood (Garryowen).
IRELAND A (v Wales A, February 4): A N Other; T Howe (Dungannon), B Walsh (Cork Constitution), M Field (Malone), N Woods (Blackrock College); P Burke (London Irish), N Hogan (Terenure College); P Soden (Cork Constitution), J McDonald (Malone, captain), P McCarthy (Cork Constitution), E Halvey (Shannon), J Etheridge (Blackrock College), D Tweed (Ballymena), K McKee (Instonians), R Wilson (Instonians). Replacements: A N Other, D Humphreys (QUB), A Rolland (Blackrock College), K Potts (St Mary's College), P Miller (Ballymena), W Mulcahy (Skerries).

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Shearer rises to the challenge for Blackburn

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BY PETER BALL

ALAN Shearer is unstoppable. Yesterday his second goal of the game, scored well into injury time, gave Blackburn a deserved victory to keep them leading the pack chasing Manchester United in the FA Carling Premiership. Blackburn have cut the gap to 13 points. It remains daunting, but they have two games in hand and with Shearer in this irrepressible form, who dares write them off?

He is the outstanding forward in English football, his contribution to the team on a par with his scoring ability. Yesterday the winning goal, his 26th in 29 games and seventh in the last six matches, could not have been better timed. Gary Speed's splendid strike in the 77th minute had appeared to have earned Leeds a draw, but then came Shearer. It was only a second defeat in 21 matches for the Yorkshire side.

Leeds were fortunate to be in contention when Speed's goal arrived. The failure of Vic Callow, the referee, to send off Fairclough for a blatant "professional" foul on Gallacher, compounded by a subsequent refusal of a penalty when Speed sent Gallacher flying, gave Leeds a lifeline they and their supporters did not merit.

The game had a sour beginning as the Leeds followers again proved themselves to contain the most yobbish element in the country. Despite the pleas of their own players, the mass of supporters in the new stand behind the goal at the Darwen End kept up a full-throated chorus of "There's only one Don Revie" throughout the minute's silence for Sir Matt Busby. This time the excuse that such behaviour was the work of a minority could not be sustained.

The behaviour left the Leeds team and its manager, Howard Wilkinson in a state of shock and despair. "There are lots of words I can use about how much I and the players abhor and were upset by what happened, but looking for reasons is another matter. The players tried to do something about it and were promptly told where to go. These people come from another world and I just don't understand them."

Wilkinson's response was echoed by Kenny Dalglish, who pointed out, quite justifiably, that there had been no such behaviour from the Blackburn supporters. "The unfortunate thing for Leeds is that these people come to matches in which Leeds are playing and so the club gets tainted with it, but it is not right to describe them as football fans," he said.

The Leeds following was booed for the rest of the afternoon. Perhaps the general disfavour communicated itself to their team. "If I am quite honest with you, in the first 15 minutes a number of our players were numbed by what had happened," Wilkinson added.

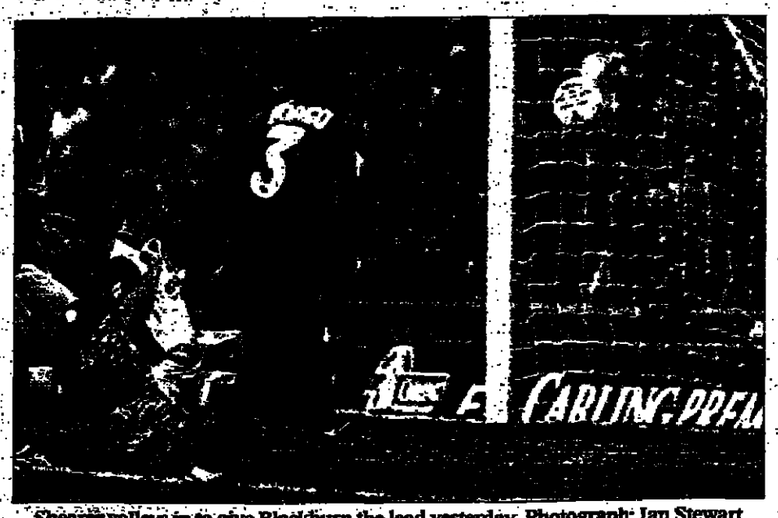
For most of the first half, Blackburn attacked constantly. The only surprise was that it took them 11 minutes to find a way through the fragile defence. But when they did the move reflected their excellent football. It was begun by Le Saux deep in defence, and carried on by Shearer, Batty and Ripley as it moved from left back to the right wing.

Ripley's cross was half cleared, but only as far as Sherwood, who switched the point of attack to the left for Wilcox to gain a yard on Kelly and curl in a cross. Shearer met it on the volley to leave Beeney helpless.

By the interval Shearer might have had a hat-trick as Blackburn raced through the uncertain Leeds back four, with Batty the driving force from midfield. But Leeds survived and in the second half played a fuller part in the match. Even so, the better chances fell to Blackburn until Speed equalised with a fine shot, and it seemed the result might be an injustice. Instead, Shearer rose to the challenge and to Le Saux's centre, heading it beyond Beeney.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, D May, K Moran, G Le Saux — S Ripley (sub: N Marker, 18min), T Sherwood, D Batty, J Wilcox —; A Shearer, K Gallacher (sub: I Pearce, 90).
LEEDS UNITED (4-3-3): M Beeney — G Kelly, C Fairclough, J Newsome, A Dorigo — G McAllister, G Speed, G Strachan — D White (sub: J Pemberton, 84), B Deane, J Forrester (sub: N Whelan, 67).
Referee: V Callow.

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Shearer volleys in to give Blackburn the lead yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

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Christie flies to victory despite signs of jet-lag

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

WITH 15 minutes to go before his first final of the year, Linford Christie waited patiently in the wings of the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow yesterday while the women's 1,500 metres medals were being contested on the track. The gold went to Shirley Griffiths, the silver to Carol-Ann Gray, but the bronze was unclaimed. Only two ran.

The Scottish indoor championships was that kind of meeting: strong in parts, weak in others, an unglamorous occasion but an early-season option for those who fancied it. Christie confessed to lacking enthusiasm but, after 14 years in the international business, he knows what is good for him. A race now and he would be sharp for Britain's match against Russia on Saturday. Never mind that the entry fee was £3.50, with no expenses, and that this was a far cry from his £100,000 payday for racing Carl Lewis.

The signs are that the Olympic and world 100 metres champion, though approaching his 34th birthday, is building towards another towering season. He won the 60 metres in 6.60sec, beating the championship record of 6.62sec which he set in 1990 shortly before taking the Commonwealth title.

Perhaps, not surprisingly for an athlete who had arrived home from Australia only two days earlier, Christie's body was slow to wake up. He had the poorest reaction time of the seven finalists but, in typical Christie fashion, he ran the field down, picking off his last target, Michael Rosswess, in the last five metres.

The BBC sports personality of 1993 played his part in full, signing every autograph book in the house and shaking hands with anyone keen to shake his. "There is a crowd here today," he said. "I hope they came to watch me." Then he raised his voice to the public who had gathered round: "Did you come to watch *me*?" The response was predictable.

Then he spoke of his desire to become a prominent official. "I have thought about it a lot and I think I have got a lot to offer in that direction," he said. Other stated considerations, including wanting to breaking Lynn Davies's British long jump record and designs on bobsleigh and rugby league, have shown no sign of development.

In the meantime, he showed sensitivity when suggesting that a minute's silence should be observed at the Russia match in memory of Cliff Temple, the *Sunday Times* athletics correspondent who committed suicide a fortnight ago. "We will miss him," Christie said. And this from a man known for his uneasy relationship with the written media and whose race manager is Andy Norman, whose position as the British Athletic Federation's (BAF) promotions officer is under scrutiny following an alleged threatening phone call to Temple.

Any career move for Christie is in the distance. He will retire from sprinting "when I stop enjoying it". No sign of that yet. His performance yesterday, within 0.10sec of his European record, despite no races or specific indoor training, suggest many a victory still to come.



Christie edges ahead of Rosswess to take the 60 metres title in Glagow yesterday. Photograph: Ian Waldie

Clark forced to bow to another spirited Swede

From Mel Webb in Agadir in Morocco

ANDERS Forsbrand played cool, calm and collected golf to make the score Sweden 2, The Rest 0 when he won the Moroccan Open here yesterday with a closing 69 and a total of 276, 12 under par. His long battle with Howard Clark did not end until a two-stroke swing put the title into the Swede's hands on the 17th.

The first tournament of this fledgling PGA European Tour season was won last week by Mats Lanner, and Forsbrand's victory here made his own forecast early this week that Swedes would win five or six titles this year look modest indeed.

Clark, who finished second for the second week running, four strokes behind Forsbrand and one in front of Robert Karlsson, another Swede, stayed in the contest for as long as he did because of his precise touch on the greens on the outward nine holes. He single-putted six in succession from the 2nd and that was good enough to put him through the turn in 34, leading by one.

Forsbrand, who had dropped a shot at the 3rd after fluffing a chip, was quietly exultant — just the merest hint of a clenched fist — when he birdied the 4th with a curly 25-footer, only to see Clark follow him in from five feet closer.

At the par-five 5th, a genuine three-shotter where two lakes in front of the green prevent even the longest and strongest from hitting it in two, Clark put his third shot to five feet. He made the birdie look easy and needed to, because Forsbrand had just rolled in a 25-footer that fell into the cup with its dying breath.

At the short 8th, Clark's putt from 25 feet missed by no more than nine inches and Forsbrand, from five feet less was even closer. The Swede could hardly believe that the ball had not dropped, and when he fished it out of the hole he looked suspiciously at it from all angles as if doubting its roundness, just about the foulest accusation it is possible to level at a golf ball.

The pivotal moments all came on the homeward nine. Clark missed the green on the 13th, dropped a shot and was level with his pursuer. Forsbrand holed a 15-foot putt for birdie on the 15th to go one in front. Clark let a shot go on the par-five 17th and his opponent calmly took two putts from 60 feet for a birdie.

That put Forsbrand three in front with one to play and the fact that Clark bogeyed the 18th was, in the end, totally irrelevant. "There was no secret about it," Forsbrand said. "I was just very, very steady." He was six under par for the last 36 holes, and that, in anybody's book, was a good deal more than merely steady.

□ Nick Price retained his ICL title in Pretoria yesterday, despite a scrappy last round of 72, which he described as "really weird — nothing seemed to work properly". Price's four-round total of 267 equalled the tournament record and, at 21 under par, he finished nine strokes clear of the American, Bruce Vaughn.

SCORES

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 276: A Forsbrand (Swe) 70, 68, 69, 69. 280: H Clark 68, 67, 72, 73. 281: R Karlsson (Swe) 68, 72, 70, 71. 282: P Hedblom (Swe) 68, 72, 73, 69; F Nobilo (NZ) 72, 72, 68, 70. 283: J Sewell 68, 72, 74, 69; S Watson 73, 72, 68, 70; J van de Velde (Fr) 72, 68, 71, 72. 284: A Coltart 74, 69, 75, 66. 285: P Fulke (Swe) 75, 68, 73, 69; G Brand Jr 70, 68, 75, 72. 286: A Cejka (Ger) 71, 75, 71, 69; P Walton 69, 71, 75, 71; J Robinson 71, 70, 73, 72. 287: R Alvarez (Arg) 76, 68, 74, 69; D Williams 74, 67, 69, 77. 288: W Westner (SA) 72, 75, 72, 69; J Lomas 72, 75, 70, 71; G Hjertstedt (Swe) 69, 72, 75, 72; W Riley (Aus) 73, 72, 74, 69; M Roe 71, 68, 76, 73; S Grappasonni (It) 70, 73, 68, 77. 289: S Richardson 74, 68, 74, 73; J Robson 71, 69, 73, 76. 290: J Quiros (Sp) 75, 69, 74, 72; R Willison 70, 76, 72, 72; P Moloney (Aus) 74, 71, 72, 73; A Bossert (Switz) 75, 72, 70, 73; J Hall 71, 70, 75, 74; P Bates (US) 71, 74, 71, 74; P Affleck 78, 68, 75, 69; I Garbutt 72, 72, 76, 70.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

TOKYO: Half marathon: (21.0975 km): Men: 1, V Rousseau (Bel) 1hr 0min 23sec; 2, D Caron (Mex) 1:00.28; 3, V Cordeiro Lima (Brazil) 1:01.26; 4, Y Ondieki (Kenya) 1:01.41; 5, M Nishi (Japan) 1:01.45; 6, S Miyajima (Japan) 1:02.11. Women: 1, J Kataoka (Japan) 1:08.41; 2, E Meyer (SA) 1:09.04; 3, O Appel (US) 1:09.14; 4, M Rodchenkova (Russ) 1:12.44; 5, S Mahony (Aus) 1:12.52; 6, E Asai (Japan) 1:13.11.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 91 Milwaukee 80; Indiana 81 Chicago 90; New Jersey 124 Golden State 98; Philadelphia 112 Orlando 121; Washington 98 *Detroit 93*; *Minnesota 81 Atlanta 98*; Houston 106 Utah 101; San Antonio 103 Dallas 83; Denver 98 Seattle 91; Phoenix 118 Portland 117; Sacramento 109 (OT) Cleveland 119

NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Leicester Riders 55 Guildford Kings 64; Manchester Giants 99 Birmingham Bullets 85; Sunderland Scorpions 80 Thames Valley Tigers 89.

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Bury Lobos 84 Stockton Mohawks 66 Coventry Flyers 89 Sheffield Forgers 92; Solent Stars 62 Crystal Palace Mavericks 76

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Guildford Storm 127 London Elephants 72; Lewisham Lightning 82 Chiltern Fastbreak 86; Mid Sussex Magic 76 Swindon Sonics 67; Northampton 89'ers 67 Liverpool ATAC 79

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Barking and Dagenham Bobcats 90 Brixton Lady Topcats 57; Northampton 76'ers 86 Chester Cats 62; Avesta Sheffield Hatters 71 Birmingham Quality Cats 48

WOMEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Sunderland Ladies 56 Manchester Flames 53; Leicester 99 Luton 46.

BIATHLON

ANTHOLZ, Italy: World Cup: Men: 10km: 1, F Luck (Ger) 26min 47.0sec (no penalties); 2, P Alberto Carrara (It) 26:53.4 (0); 3, S Tarasov (Russ) 27:04.8 (0); 4, J Passler (It) 27:07.6 (1min); 5, P Bailly-Salins (Fr) 27:09.6 (2); 6, S Fischer (Ger) 27:22.6 (2); 7, W Pallhuber (It) 27:34.6 (2); 8, F Schuler (Austria) 27:35.6 (0); 9, V Dratschev (Russ) 27:36.3 (1); 10, A Zingerle (It) 27:46.6 (2). Leading World Cup standings: 1, B-Sehns 159pts; 2, Fischer 151; 3, Tarasov 121; 4, Luck 115; 5, V Kiriienko (Russ) 109; 6, R Gross (Ger) 92; 7, Zingerle 85; 8, V Magurov (Belorus) 84; 9, H Flandin (Fr) 72; 10, equal L Gredler (Austria) and V Hietalahti (Fin) 68. Women: 7.5 km: 1, S Paramygina (Belorus) 22:40.7 (0); 2, A Harvey (Ger) 22:57.8 (0); 3, O Simushina (Russ) 23:00.7 (0); 4, A Briand (Fr) 23:03.5 (1); 5, M Bedard (Can) 23:06.6 (1); 6, M Skolota (Ukr) 23:09.3 (0); 7, N Santer (It) 23:11.4 (2); 8, C Niogret (Fr) 23:25.6 (1); 9, E Petrova (Ukr) 23:26.0 (0); 10, U Disl (Ger) 23:28.4 (2). Leading World Cup standings: 1, Santer 195pts; 2, Paramygina 159; 3, Briand 152; 4, S Greiner-Petter-Memm (Ger) 109; 5, Disl 106; 6, H Fossen (Nor) 90; 7, E Kristiansen (Nor) 83; 8, L Beliakova (Russ) 77; 9, equal V Claudel (Fr) 76 and Bedard 76

BOBSLEIGHING

LA PLAGNE: European championships: Four-man: 1, Italy I (G Huber, A Tartaglia, S Ticci, M Ruggiero), 1min 57.92sec (first run 58.55sec, second run 59.37); 2, Britain I (M Tout, G Farrell, J Wing, L Paul), 1:58.11 (58.51, 59.60); 3, Germany I (D Wiese, C Bartsch, M Liekmeier, W Haupt), 1:58.19 (59.02, 59.17). Others: 9, Britain II (S Olsson, D Ward, J Herbert, P Field), 1:58.78 (59.26, 59.52). World Cup standings: Two-man: 1, Huber, 122pts; equal 2, P Lueders (Can) and C Langen (Ger), 100; 4, Tout, 92. Four-man: 1, Tout, 121; 2, Wiese, 108; 3, Lueders, 104.

BOWLS

STEVENAGE: Manchester Unity Liberty Trophy: Quarter-finals: Cambridgeshire 124 Essex 122 (after extra ends); Nottinghamshire 122 Cumbria 113; Kent 140 *Hampshire 98*; *Somerset 139 Buckinghamshire 93*.

BOXING

CARDIFF (Welsh Institute of Sport): Featherweight: Barry Jones (Cardiff) bt Peter Buckley (Birmingham) pts. Eliminator British light-welterweight title (10 rnds): Ross Hale (Bristol) bt Micky Driscoll (Portsmouth) rsf 7th. Welterweight (6 rnds): Anvel Acevardo (Puerto Rico) bt Mark Cichocki (Hartlepool) rsf 3rd. Super-middleweight (6 rnds): Joe Calzaghe (Newport) bt Martin Rosamund (Southampton) rsf 1st; (8 rnds) Darron Griffiths (Rhondda) bt Carlos Christie (Birmingham) pts

CRESTA RUN

KNAPP CUP (*Swiss unless stated*): 1, C Bertschinger 159.07; 2, G Pitsch 160.51; 3, M Melcher 162.81; 4 F G Gansser 165.38; G G Trivella 168.26; 6, C J Gowers (GB) 170.19.

COPPA D'ITALIA: 1, G J Gowers (GB) 158.67; 2, T J Hill (GB) 159.32; 3, C K Sharrigan (US) 159.39; 4, L de Boer (Switz) 159.90; 5 D von Schulthess (Switz) 159.93; 6, M Mettler (Switz) 160.55

CRICKET

CASTLE CUP: First day of four: Cape Town: Western Province 139-4 (S Koenig 64) v Orange Free State. Verwoerdburg: Northern Transvaal 206-9 (K Rule 63) v Eastern Province.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 0 Oxford United 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Alan Lido 1 Briton Ferry 3.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND Premier Division: Group A: Bohemians 2 Shelbourne 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: First division: VVV Venlo 1 NAC Breda 1.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: First division: Anderlecht 0 Seraing 2.

SCHOOLS: English Schools Knowles Cup: Surrey 2 Kent 2. English Eagles Trophy: Brighton 4 Maidstone 2. English Under-16 championship: Brampton Manor. *Essex 5 St Thomas the Apostle*, Inner London 0. Welsh Schools Shield: Swansea 7 Cardiff 2.

GOLF

TUCSON, Arizona: Tucson Open: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated) 203: D Pruitt 64, 71, 68; A Magee 69, 67, 67, J Furyk 68, 68, 67. 204: J D Blake 68, 69, 67. 205: S Stricker 68, 69, 68. 206: D Feherty (GB) 70, 69, 67; O Browne 70, 70, 66; F Funk 67, 71, 68; J Delsing, 68, 68, 70. 207: V Singh (Fiji) 67, 68, 72; M Heinen 69, 70, 68. 208: W Mayfair 69, 71, 68; B Fleisher 69, 70, 69; G Sauers 70, 70, 68; D Toms 70, 68, 70; K Triplett 69, 69, 70; R Gamez 66, 71, 71; L Nelson 65, 72, 71; K Clearwater 71, 66, 71; L Roberts 68.

VERWOERDBURG, South Africa: International tournament: Leading final scores (SA unless stated). 267: N Price (Zim) 61, 69, 65, 72. 276: D Frost 70, 70, 68, 68. B Vaughan (US) 69, 68, 67, 72. 279: A Cruse 67, 66, 70, 75. 282: K Johnson (US) 70, 67, 70, 75; B Fouchee, 69, 70, 71, 72. 283: H Baiocchi 70, 70, 72, 71; A Roestoff 70, 70, 75, 68.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy

Final

Castleford 33 Wigan 2

Castleford: Tries: Ketteridge 2, Anderson, Crooks, Nikau. Goals: Crooks 6. Dropped goal: *Kemp*. Wigan: *Goal*: *Botica*. Att: 15,626.

(at Headingley)

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Halifax 20 Sheffield 26

Halifax: Tries: Bentley, Robinson, Round. Goals: Schuster 4. Sheffield: Tries: Carr 2, Farrell, Price, Thompson. Goals: Aston 3. Att: 6,337.

Hull KR 4 Leeds 24

Hull KR: Goals: M Fletcher 2. Leeds: Tries: Cummins, Fallon, Hanley, Lowes. Goals: Holroyd 4. Att: 4,200.

Leigh 21 St Helens 4

Leigh: Tries: Andy Collier, Martin, Warburton. Goals: Gunning 4. Dropped goal: Sarsfield. St Helens: Tries: Casey. Att: 4,160.

Salford 11 Hull 22

Salford: Tries: Critchley, Ford. Goal: D Young. Dropped goal: Lee. Hull: Tries: Gay, Grant, Greenwood, G Nolan. Goals: Eastwood 3. Att: 3,459

Warrington 23 Oldham 6

Warrington: Tries: Davies, Elts, Myler, Tetzel. Goals: Davies 2, Myler. Dropped goal: Davies. Oldham: Try: Abram. Goal: Kerry. Att: 5,875

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	19	15	0	4	405	250	30
Bradford	18	15	0	3	496	348	30
Wigan	15	13	0	2	441	227	26
Castleford	18	12	1	5	443	251	25
Halifax	19	10	2	7	396	330	22
St Helens	19	10	1	8	385	337	21
Featherstone	18	10	1	7	384	378	21
Leeds	19	9	1	9	380	347	19
Widnes	18	9	0	9	320	358	18
Sheffield	19	8	1	10	402	467	17
Hull	18	7	2	9	275	291	16
Salford	19	8	0	11	344	389	16
Hull KR	19	6	0	13	290	478	12
Wakefield	18	5	0	13	228	385	10
Oldham	19	4	0	15	377	410	8
Leigh	19	1	1	17	234	493	3

Second division

Batley	21	Ryedale York	14
Carlisle	20	Bramley	16
Doncaster	20	London Crus	10
Highfield	8	Barrow	8
Huddersfield	40	Hunslet	24
Keighley	40	Rochdale	12
Swinton	8	Workington	22
Whitehaven	6	Dewsbury	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Workington	18	14	1	3	433	185	29
Huddersfield	17	13	0	4	419	285	26
Doncaster	17	12	0	5	388	342	24
Keighley	15	11	0	4	447	205	22
Dewsbury	15	10	1	4	452	199	21
London Crus	16	10	1	5	405	306	21
Ryedale York	18	10	1	7	376	295	21
Batley	17	10	1	6	315	299	21
Whitehaven	18	7	4	7	315	263	18
Rochdale	18	9	0	9	394	348	18
Barrow	18	8	1	9	343	452	17
Carlisle	17	7	0	10	320	446	14
Swinton	17	5	0	12	293	415	10
Hunslet	17	2	1	14	248	426	5
Highfield	17	1	1	15	180	648	3
Bramley	17	1	0	16	223	437	2

NATIONAL CONFERENCE Premier division: Nottingham City 5 Saddleworth 58

NATIONAL CUP: Second round: Askam 18 Nottingham City 0; Barrow Island 12 Beverley 22; Blackbrook 8 Woolston 42; Bransholme 9 Millom 46; Dudley Hill 6 Fryston 14; Egremont 52 Birkenshaw 12; Farnworth 20 Eastmoor 12; Greetland AR 28 Milford 10; Leigh MW 42 Frizington 14; Leigh Victoria 18 West Hull 40; Mayfield 52 Knottingley Rockware 2; Moldgreen 18 Featherstone MW 20; Oldham St Annes 16 Seaton 10; Orrell St James 11 Wigan St Patricks 14; Ovenden 44 Leigh East 34; Redhill 11 Crosfields 15; Rossington 8 Lock Lane 34; Shaw Cross 9 Westgate Redoubt 0; Travellers 25 Dewsbury Celtic 12; Upton & Frickley 20 East Leeds 26; Walney Central 16 Heworth 18; York Acorn 30 Ship Inn 26

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Cannock 3 Bromley 0; Canterbury 2 Teddington 3, East Grinstead 4 Bournville 2; Havant 1 Hounslow 0; Indian Gymkhana 0 Slough 3; Old Loughtonians 4 *Reading 2*; *St Albans 0 Firebrands 1*; Stourport 3 Trojans 0. Welton 1 Southgate 8. Second division: Cambridge City 2 Brooklands 2; Doncaster 0 Surbiton 3; Edgbaston 1 Beeston 2; Gloucester City 2 Harleston Magpies 0; Guildford 1 Barford Tigers 1; Hampstead 0 Neston 2; Oxford University 5 Warrington 2; Richmond 1 Isca 2; Sheffield 1 Cheltenham 0.

NASTRO AZZURRO SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: City of Portsmouth 3 Old Kingstonians 0; Hendon 2 Anchorians 3; High Wycombe 2 Tulse Hill 0; Lyons 1 Staines 2; Maidenhead 1 Fareham 0; Mid-Sussex 0 Chichester 1; Old Wellcountians 1 Spencer 2; Wimbledon 1 Hampstead/Westminster 3; Winchester 0 Gore Court 1. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 4 Oxshott 1; Bournemouth 2 Fleet 1; Camberley 0 Old Mid-Whitgiftians 2; Cheam 2 Barclays Bank 0; Epsom 1 Weybridge Hawks 0; Lensbury 1 Basingstoke 3; London Univ 2 Petersfield 2; Old Edwardians 3 Old Tauntonians 5; Old Whitgiftians 6 Merton 1; Woking 1 Purley 1. Kent/Sussex: Horsham 0 Herne Bay 4; Lewes 2 Blackheath 2; Marden Russets 3 Eastbourne 1; Old Bordenians 5 Lloyds Bank 1; Old Holcombeians 3 Crawley 2; Old Williamsonians 1 Gravesend 1; Sevenoaks 1 Brighton 3; Tonbridge 1 Bexleyheath 2; Tunbridge Wells 1 Bognor 0; Worthing 0 Beckenham 1. Middx/Berks/Bucks/Oxon: Amersham 3 Harrow 3; Ashford 5 Gerrards Cross 1, Aylesbury 2 Hayes 0; Bracknell 0 *Eastcote 0*; *City of Oxford 0 Marlow 0*; *OMT 1 NPL 0*; Ramgarhia 4 Morris Motors 1; Rotherfield Park 1 Milton Keynes 4; Sunbury 2 Mill Hill 2; Wokingham 4 HCC 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Bluecharts 4 Colchester 2; Bury St Edmunds 1 Cambridge Univ 0; Crostyx 1 Welwyn GC 0; Dereham 1 Redbridge/Ilford 0; Luton Town 3 Westcliff 0; Norwich City 0 Chelmsford 3, Pelicans 1 Old Southendian 0; Peterborough 0 Ipswich 0; Stevenage 3 Bedford 2.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Alderley Edge 0 Hightown-Northam 2; Ben Rhydding 1 Norton 1; Blackburn 3 Durham University 6; Formby 1 York 1; Southport 3 Timperley 0.

SUNLIFE WEST LEAGUE: Exeter Univ 2 Westbury Banks 3; Hereford 1 Brean 0; Taunton 2 Plymouth 1; Weston-super-Mare 2 Swansea 2; Whitchurch 2 Bath Buccaneers 1.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLAND LEAGUE: Belper 1 Coventry NW 0; Finchfield 2 Leicester Westleigh 5; Hampton in Arden 1 Bloxwich 0; Khalsa 1 Worcester Norton 0; Lichfield 0 Olton WW 3.

BILBAO: European Women's Under-21 Indoor Cup finals: France 5 Austria 1; England 3 Slovakia 5. Spain 4 Belorus 2; France 5 Czech Republic 3; Austria 5 Slovakia 5, England 2 Belorus 6; Spain 7 Czech Republic 2.

EAST LEAGUE: Bexleyheath 1, Redbridge 0: Cambridge City 0; Saracens 1; Hemel Hempstead 2, WGC 3, St Albans 2, Sevenoaks 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Charterhouse 2 St George's, Weybridge 6. Colston's 1 Prior Park 0; Dean Close 2 King's, Gloucester 0; Framlingham 3 Felsted 3, KCS Wimbledon 1 Cranleigh 0; Mill Hill 0 The Leys 2; Oakham 2 Repton 1, Perse 7 Kimbolton 1, Seaford 5 Eastbourne 3

RUGBY UNION

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: 16-Nation International Invitational Tens: Quarter-finals: Ponsonby (NZ) 17 American Eagles (US) 15; Moataa (W Samoa) 18 Randwick (Aus) 7, Kobe Steel (Japan) 19 Tonga 7; Penguins (Eng) 22 Violets (SA) 0. Semi-finals: Moataa 27 Ponsonby 3; Penguins 17 Kobe Steel 10. Final: Penguins 21 Moataa 17.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: International Open (Eng unless stated) Final qualifying round: R Foldvari (Aus) bt T Meo 5-4; A Higgins (N Ire) bt S Lee 5-1; D Henry (Sco) bt D McDonnell 5-1; J Burnett (Sco) bt E Charlton (Aus) 5-0; I Graham bt T Shaw 5-0; C Wilson (Wal) bt S Storey 5-1; S Murphy (Ire) bt G Peters (Wal) 5-4; J Woodman bt B Chaperon (Can) 5-2; G Ponting bt P Francisco (SA) 5-4; S Judd bt J Wych (Can) 5-4; W Jones (Wal) bt K Broughton 5-2; J McLaughlin (N Ire) bt T Bailey 5-2; J Grech (Malta) bt B Snaddon (Sco) 5-4; N Gilbert bt A Borg (Malta) 5-4; C Thorburn (Can) bt P McPhillips (Sco) 5-4; J Prince (N Ire) bt M Rowing 5-4; J O'Boye bt B Morgan 5-3.

TABLE TENNIS

SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier Division: Stgt Greenock 9 Crosshouse Electrics 1, DSCC 9 Murrayfield 1; Drumchapel 2 Tunnocks Redwood 8; Falkirk Graeme 8 Dumbarton 2. First division: Seath Wav Autos 7 Capital Sports 3; Partick 0 Ashvale Fish 10; Falkirk Lite Engineering 0 Grangemouth 10.

MUNSTER, Germany: European women's team cup: England 0 Romania 3 (L Lomas lost to O Badescu 19-21 15-21; A Holt lost to E Ciosu 16-21 14-21, Holt and Lomas lost to Badescu and Ciosu 18-21 21-19 19-21)

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

West Ham United v Norwich (8.0)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester v Halesowen (7.30).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Luton (7.0); Millwall v Bristol City (2.0); Oxford United v Southampton (7.30); Wimbledon v Portsmouth (2.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Ipswich v Peterborough.

SWIMMING

Friday

GLOUCESTER: Speedo British grand prix meeting: Men: Freestyle 50m: 1 N O'Hare 24.07sec; 2 P Belk 24.14; 3 M Boyd 24.17. 1500m: 1 I Wilson 15min 19.49sec, 2 M Clements 15:46.45, 3 C Kearney 16:13.17. 100m breast-stroke: 1 A Ayres 1min 04.98sec; 2 D Smith 1:05.48; 3 C Corbett. 100m butterfly: 1 S Mavin 56.90sec, 2 K Crosby 56.93; 3 J Sadler 58.10. 50m backstroke: 1 A O'Connor 27.05sec; 2 M Stevens 27.41; 3 H O'Connor 28.06. 400m medley: 1 C Jones 4min 26.20sec (Welsh record); 2 B Hughes 4:28.76; 3 Wilson 4:29.23. Women: 50m breaststroke: 1 K Rake 32.68sec; 2 J King 33.34; 3 L Rogers 33.51. 200m butterfly: 1 H Slatter 2mins *18.85sec*; 2 P. Bauchae 2:18.65; 3 A MacKay 2:17.65. 200m medley: 1 Slatter 2min 18.95sec; 2 C Niblett 2:20.86; 3 Rogers 2:24.41. 200m freestyle: 1 A Pendrich 2:03.51; 2 V Hale 2:03.69; 3 *N Cumbers* 2:07.65

Saturday

Men: 200m backstroke: 1, C Jones (City of Cardiff) 2:02.22; 2, A O'Connor (New Ross) 2:03.75; 3 C Kearney (Limerick) 2:06.65. 200m freestyle: 1, M Stevens (Satellite) 1:52.88; 2, P Bavister (City of Coventry) 1:53.16; 3, P Belk (Leatherhead) 1:54.26. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Ayres (City of Swansea) 2:18; 2, A Clapper (City of Coventry) 2:18.48, 3, P O'Sullivan (Hillingdon) 2:21.69. 50m butterfly: 1, S Mavin (City of Peterborough) 25.80; 2, Stevens 25.87; 3, M Boyd (Walsall) 26.43. 200m butterfly: 1 K Crosby (Warrington Warriors) *2:03.38*; *2, I Wilson (City of Leeds) 2:04.51*; 3, M Watkins (Torfaen) 2:04.74.

Women: 800m freestyle: 1, A Pendrich (Beckenham) 8:49.52; 2, P Bucshe (Beckenham) 8:53.92; 3, V Hale (City of Swansea) 9:00.15. 100m breaststroke: 1 K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton) 1:11.07, 2, J King (Tigersharks) 1:11.36; 3, L Rogers (Millfield) 1.12.63. 50m freestyle: 1 M Lock (City of Cardiff) 27.03; 2, K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton) 27.38; 3, J Andrews (Amersham) 27.87. 200m backstroke: 1 J. Deakins (City of Coventry) 2:14.24; 2, H Slatter (Warrington Warriors) 2:14.36; 3 R Line (Warrington Warriors) 2:21.65. 50m butterfly: 1, T Dray (Portsmouth Northsea) 29.58; 2, Lock 29.71, 3, P Porter (City of Bristol) 29.83. 400m medley: 1, Slatter 4:45.32; 2, C Niblett (Dover Life Guard) 4.54.76; 3, V Hale (City of Swansea) 4.58.12

SKIING

MARIBOR, Slovenia: Women's World Cup slalom: Saturday: 1, U Hrovat (Slov) 1min 55.19sec; 2, V Schneider (Switz) 1:55.46; 3, M Kjoerstad (Nor); 4, E Eder (Austria) 1:55.98; 5, S Pretnar (Slovenia) 6, M Gallizio (It) 1:56.58; 7, A Coberger (NZ) 1:56.83; 8, R Serra (It) 1:57.08; 9, M Ertl (Ger) 1:57.42; 10, M Accola (Switz) 1:57.56; 11, A Dovzan (Slov) 1:57.97; 12, L Piccard (Fr) 1:58.12; 13, K Koren (Slovenia) 1:58.62; 14, L Magoni (It) 1:58.72; 15, G Zingre (Switz) 1.59.24.

Yesterday: 1, Schneider 1min 47.94sec; 2, Wiberg (Swe) 1.48.45; 3, U Hrovat (Slovenia) 1:48.85; 4, Kjoerstad 1:49.13; 5, T Gimle (Nor) 1:49.35 (53.91/55.44); 6, M Gallizio (It) 1:49.45; 7, E Mutter (Ger) 1:49.46; 8, A Coberger (NZ) 1.49.63, 9, L Magoni (It) 1.49.73; 10, equal: M Accola (Switz) and K Andersson (Swe) 1.49.86; 12, E Eder (Austria) 1:49.89; 13 equal: T Bakke (Nor) 1.49.96; 13, equal: P Chauvet (Fr) 1.49.96 and 15, A Dovzan (Slovenia) 1.50.57; 16, G Zingre (Switz) 1:50.94; 17, A Wachter (Austria) 1:50.96; 18, B Perez (It) 1:51.19; 19, F Masnada (Fr) 1:51.38, 20, M Pelletier (US) 1:51.40. Overall World Cup standings: 1, Schneider 1010 pts, 2, Wiberg 1003, 3, Wachter 898; 4, Ulrike Maier (Austria) 711; 5, D Compagnoni (It) 682. Overall slalom standings: 1, Schneider 580pts, 2, Wiberg 490; 3, Hrovat 286, 4, M Gallizio (It) 241; 5, M Kjoerstad (Nor) 212.

WENGEN, Switzerland: Men's World Cup: Super-G: 1, M Girardelli (Lux) 1:41.30; 2, J E Thorsen (Nor) 1:41.88, 3, A Skaardal (Nor) 1:41.98, 4, A Assinger (Austria) 1:42.04; 5, M Wasmeier (Ger) 1:42.11; 6, H Trinkl (Austria) 1:42.59; 7, H Knaus (Austria) 1.42.76; 8, L Kjus (Nor) 1:42.91, 9, D Mahrer (Switz) 1:42.93; 10, T Moe (US) 1:43.08; 11, W Besse (Switz) 1:43.13; 12, G Mader (Austria) 1.43.15; 13, K Rasmussen (US) 1.43.17, 14, M Hangl (Switz) 1:43.18; 15, F Cavegn (Switz) 1.43.41. World Cup overall standings: 1, K Andre Aamodt (Nor) 877pts, 2, Girardelli 703; 3, Mader 674; 4, A Tomba (It) 564; 5, Thorsen 432. Super-G standings: 1, Girardelli 169pts; 2, Thorsen and Mader 148, 4, H Trinkl (Austria) 145; 5, Skaardal 140.

LAKE PLACID: Freestyle World Cup: Men's moguls: 1 E Grospiron (Fr) 26.12 pts; 2 J-L Brassard (Can) 26.11; 3 J Pajarvi (Swe) 25.42, 4 T Benson (US) 25.08; 5 S Shupletsov (Rus) 25.07, 6 C Rodman (US) 24.83; 7 S Rochon (Can) 24.50, 8 O Cotte (Fr) 24.41; 9 S Smith (US) 24.07; 10 J Smart (Can) 23.14. Women's moguls: 1 D Weinbrecht (US) 25.14; 2 S Hallestad (Nor) 25.13; 3 L McIntyre (US) 23.95; equal 4 C Gilg (Fr) and T Mittermayer (Ger) 23.72; 6 A Battelle (US) 23.71; 7 R Monod (Fr) 22.22; 8 P Moroder (It) 21.71; 9 R Savitt (US) 21.86; 10 M Karhu (Fin).

SKI JUMPING

SAPPORO: World Cup: 1, J Weissflog (Ger) 253.4 pts; 2, E Bredesen (Nor) 244.0; 3, J Nishikata (Japan) 238.2; 4, A Goldberger (Austria) 227.4; 5, N Kasai (Japan) 222.9; 6, D Thoma (Ger) 220.1; 7, V Hakala (Fin) 179.2; 8, J Sakala (Cz Rep) 174.1; 9, O Berg (Nor) 173.4; 10, J Soininen (Fin) 169.5. Leading World Cup standings: 1, Bredesen 969pts; 2, Weissflog 810; 3, Goldberger 742. Nations: 1, Norway 1,868; 2, Japan 1,637; 3, Austria 1,534; 4, Germany 1,393; 5, Czech Republic 1,163; 6, Finland 798; 7, France 458; 8, Italy 432; 9, Slovenia 253; 10, Switzerland, 197.

NORDIC SKIING

RONDHEIM, Norway: World Cup combined after 15km cross-country: 1 K Ogiwara (Japan); 2, T Kono (Japan) 1min 37.7sec behind; 3, B E Vik (Nor) 2:18.2, 4, F B Lundberg (Nor) 2:25.1; 5, K T Apeland (Nor) 2:28.5; 6, T E Elden (Nor) 2:30.6; 7, H Kempf (Switz) 2:42.2; 8, A Markvardt (Estonia) 2:55.6; 9, J Mantila (Fin) 4:07.0; 10, A Longo (Italy) 4:31.1; 11, R Heckman (US) 4:31.9; 12, M Abe (Japan) 4:27.9; 13, R Stadlmann (Austria) 4:43.7; 14, M Freimuth (Estonia) 4:44.7, 15, J Deimel (Ger) 5:32.7.

ATHLETICS

GLASGOW: Scottish Indoor Championships (at Kelvin Hall) Men: 60m: L Christie (Thames Valley) 6.60 sec. 200m: D *Campbell* (Sale) 21.40sec. 400m: D Deacon (South Shields Poly) 48.93sec. 800m: T McKean (Motherwell) 1min 49.19secs. 1,500m: I Gillespie (Cambuslang) 3min 47.33sec. 3,000m: C Robison (IBM Spango) 8min 07.97sec. 60m hurdles: K Campbell (Edinburgh SH) and M Nicolson (Birchfield) 8.05secs. High jump: G Parsons (Blue Circle) 2.20m. Pole vault: D Hamilton (Edinburgh SH) 4.51m. Long jump: J McKenzie (Belgrave) 7.13m. Triple jump: N McMenemy (Newham) 14.89m. Shot: S Whyte (Luton) 17.02m. Women: 60m: K Merry (Birchfield) 7.34sec. 200m: R Girvin (Edinburgh AC) 25.42sec. 400m: M Neef (Glasgow) 53.98sec. 800m: C Smith (Dundee) 2min 26.40sec. 1,500m: S Griffiths (Cramlington) 4min 34.9sec. 60m hurdles: L-A Skeete (Trafford) 8.29sec. High jump: R Pinkerton-Scobie (Glasgow) 1.70m. Long jump: C Black (Edinburgh WM) 5.67m. Triple jump: M Livingstone (Stewartry) 11.02m. Shot: A Grey (Glasgow) 14.28m. Pole vault: K Fitzgerald (BT Pitreavie) 2.35m.

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Joint Administrative Receivers are A R Price and N J Miller of Cason Beckman & Partners Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ

AUTO UNITS (EALING) LTD. (In Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Alan Rolph and Roger William Cork of St Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 14th January 1994. Creditors are required on or before 1st March 1994 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidators, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 18th day of January 1994
David A Rolph and Roger W Cork, Joint Liquidators

Axiom Total Concepts Limited t/a Delta Architects + Designers
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 4th February 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED this 18th January 1994
C.J. Butcher, Director

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 01001946. Name of company: Griffiths & Stevens Tools Limited. Nature of business: Engineers. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co Treviot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002685. Date of appointment: 1 December 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 1 December 1993.

ESPLANA LIMITED (In Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Alan Rolph and Richard Hobart John De Courcy Moore of St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 31st December 1993.
Creditors are required on or before 1st March 1994 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidators, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 18th day of January 1994
David A Rolph, Joint Liquidator

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
COMMUNITY LEISURE PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London, EC2M 7QN on 31st January at 11.00 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 18th January 1994
By Order of the Board
A. Hunt, Director

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
KENTZ C & M UK LIMITED
Registered number: 1300293. Former company name: M F Kent Services Limited. Trading name: Kentz UK. Nature of business: Construction. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 January 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Terence Charles Carter and Margaret Elizabeth Mills (office holder nos. 4012 and 8318). Address: both of Ernst and Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU

Melofreight Limited (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1 March 1994, to send their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K.D. Goodman, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 18th January 1994.
K.D. Goodman, Liquidator

RE: GRIFFITHS & STEVENS TOOLS LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 1st December 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday 29th November 1993.
Dated the 12th day of November 1993.
P. STEVENS, DIRECTOR

The Insolvency Act 1986
DELTABLAZE LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 10th January 1994.
Dated this 17th day of January 1994
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

UNIVERSAL SHELVING COMPANY LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Baker Tilly, Brazennose House, Lincoln Square, Manchester M2 5BL, on 22 February 1994, at 11 am for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on, by or under the Act. Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a. they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
b. there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated: 19th day of January 1994
Alan J. Sutton, Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTE: Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the Administrative Receivers at the address shown above.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AMSCAN FINANCIAL SERVICES PLC
Formerly ADAMS LANHAM AND COMPANY PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 28th January 1994 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 12th day of January 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Hugh Lanham, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PEGASUS YACHTS LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 10 February 1994 at Dunston Hall Hotel & Country Club Swainsthorpe, Norwich at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 18th day of January 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Gordon S. Harris, Director

WHITTLE COLLIERY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at 28 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 8HB on Thursday 27th January 1994 at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, lists of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at Harris Kafton, Chartered Accountants, 28 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 8HB between the hours of 10.00 and 17.00 on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
DATED this 12th day of January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G. AUSTON, Secretary

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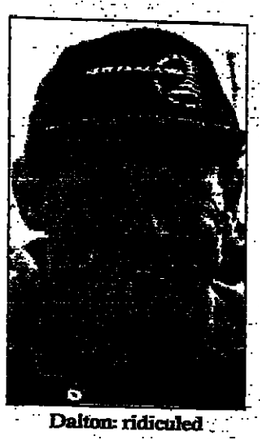
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Dickson almost upsets computer prediction


Dalton: ridiculed

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN AUCKLAND

AROUND 50,000 New Zealanders crammed the dockside here, and thousands more spent the night at sea to witness one of the most exciting finishes in the history of the Whitbread Round the World yacht race when the leading crews sailed into Auckland on Saturday at the finish of the third stage from Fremantle.

The race went right down to the line with Grant Dalton's maxi *New Zealand Endeavour* finally edging ahead of Chris Dickson's Whitbread 60 *Tokio*. At the finish, just two minutes 12 seconds divided them, and had the winds not slackened during the approach to Auckland, the result would probably have been reversed.

Dalton, the people's favourite, was given a rousing welcome from the chanting crowd, the majority blissfully ignorant that test tank computers had predicted their man should have won, not by three minutes, but 13 hours.

The irony of a 60-footer holding off a yacht 20 feet longer and carrying twice the sail area for all but one of this 3,273-mile stage was lost to almost all but Dickson, a four-time world match-race champion and the "angry" young man of yachting.

STAGE THREE (from Fremantle to Auckland): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 13 days 8hr 15min; 2, Winston (D Conner and B Badenhorst, US) 13:10:07; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 13:11:35. Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 13:08:15; 2, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 13:11:35; 3, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 13:18:26. Overall (after three legs). Whitbread 60: 1, Tokio, 63:11:25; 2, Winston, 64:01:27 (provisional); 3, Yamaha, 64:05:06. Maxi: 1, Endeavour, 63:11:25; 2, Merit Cup, 64:05:18; 3, La Poste, 65:10:35.
Information provided by BT

After holding up his Heineken trophy, awarded for winning the 60ft class, Dickson ridiculed his New Zealand rival. "If Dalton had been sailing a Whitbread 60 like us, he wouldn't have been here for another half day. We were laughing about it all the way down the east coast. They sailed really badly during the last two days. They can't be happy. If *Endeavour* hadn't beaten us, they would have been looking for new jobs tomorrow."

What the computer could not take account of when predicting the result of this race around the world was the competitiveness that would develop within the 60-foot class. The maxis, which have cost £6 million to build and campaign — twice the price of a 60-footer — are meant to return to Southampton in June, up to 100 hours ahead of the first Whitbread 60.

But here, at the halfway stage, *Endeavour* remains three hours seven minutes behind Tokio's elapsed time, and Pierre Fehlmann's rival maxi, *Merit Cup* and *La Poste*, the French entry now skippered by Eric Tabarly, lie uncomfortably in fifth and eighthplaces overall.

For the other crews the common word voiced by skippers was "disappointed". Dennis Conner, the America's Cup maestro with a walk-on part aboard the American entry *Winston* which had been 150 mile ahead at one stage, was on a plane out of Auckland before sun-down. After finishing second to Tokio he said: "It's the weather guys who decide who wins this race."

Dale fails to secure place left by Cork

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN EAST LONDON

IF THE rain that deprived them of the final 13 overs last night stays away, the England A cricketers should complete their preparation for the five-day match against South Africa A with victory today over Border. A lead of 295 is probably good enough already. A further 30 runs this morning, when plays starts 45 minutes early, should leave them sufficient time to bowl Border out.

There was always going to be a sub-text to this game, after the dropping of Mark Lathwell and Adrian Dale's promotion to No 3. Dale's failure — he has made 23 runs in the match — and Dominic Cork's early return to England, where his wife's mother is ill, has not clarified selection matters.

England may decide to play all six batsmen at Port Elizabeth and omit two bowlers. Alternatively they may — and they should — consider the priority to be replacing the wickets Cork would have taken, in which case Dale's value as the sixth bowler is apparent. He needed runs here to be sure and, bowled in each innings, failed to make them.

Cork flew home on Saturday night and there is no denying his is a mighty loss. He and Ilott have been England's most persistent and penetrative bowlers here, swinging the ball away from the batsmen on a good length. He returns to England in unfortunate circumstances knowing that his stock has never been higher and will continue to rise every time Chris Lewis gets sunstroke.

Cork's departure enabled Martin McCague to play, with Border's blessing, as the locum. He must be fed up with bowling on such bland pitches which have given few opportunities to reveal his strengths as a fast bowler. England will look towards Croft and Such to win the game today, for the ball is turning: not greatly, but often enough to make the batsman wary.

Border had crawled along on Saturday when Andrew Lawson made 23 runs in 47 overs. Their innings ended shortly before lunch yesterday when Ilott was summoned to take the new ball and made short work of the tail.

Fourie, one of those tail-enders, had not bowled when England extended their first innings on Saturday to 320. Steve Rhodes making 108 in 6½ hours, the sixth century of his career. He was soon in action yesterday, taking three of the five wickets England lost in stretching a lead of 120 by a further 175.

There is little doubt, and certainly not locally, that Fourie stand a tiptoe on the threshold of illegality when he bowls his quicker ball. Umpires the world over are so reluctant to call bowlers for "chucking" that until they do, others are unwilling to make judgments. But when a player as good as John Crawley admits he did not see a short ball which hit him on the helmet, on a pitch as flat as this, people are entitled to ask hard questions.

There was, however, nothing untoward about the way Fourie dismissed Crawley, Morris and Wells. Crawley suffered a rare failure, Morris made his fourth half-century of the tour and Wells, keen to drive Howell down the ground, played engagingly for 46. England A have plenty. Border look a pretty plain side.

England A: First Innings
J P Crawley c Cronje b Badenhorst 49
*H Morris run out 15
A Dale b Fourie 12
A P Wells lbw b Fourie 10
M B Loye b Howell 71
†S J Rhodes c Stanier b Botha 108
J P Taylor c Pallaman b Badenhorst 1
R D B Croft b Howell 28
M C Ilott run out 0
M J McCague c Bauermeister b Howell 13
P M Such not out 2
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 4, nb 1) 10
Total 320
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-59, 3-74, 4-93, 5-224, 6-227, 7-265, 8-296, 9-306.
BOWLING: Fourie 21-2-84-2; Badenhorst 27-3-92-2; Botha 24-10-36-1; Howell 39-21-49-3; Bauermeister 19-6-31-0; Strydom 2-0-5-0; Cronje 7-3-18-0.

Second Innings
J P Crawley b Fourie 14
*H Morris c Pallaman b Fourie 55
A Dale b Botha 11
A P Wells c Stanier b Fourie 46
M B Loye lbw b Cronje 23
†S J Rhodes not out 15
Extras (b 6, lb 4, nb 1)11
Total (5 wkts) 175
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-54, 3-120, 4-137, 5-175
BOWLING: Badenhorst 8-0-21-0; Howell 11-1-43-0; Fourie 21-4-69-3; Bauermeister 9-3-16-0; Botha 8-3-14-1, Cronje 4-0-12-1.

BORDER: First Innings
M P Stanier c Rhodes b Taylor 6
A G Lawson c Ilott b Croft 23
B M Osborne run out 50
P J Botha c Morris b Ilott 16
P C Strydom lbw b Such 26
F J Cronje b McCague 16
S J Pallaman c Wells b Such 3
K Bauermeister b Croft 23
†I L Howell not out 21
S C Fourie c Rhodes b Ilott 2
A Badenhorst c Rhodes b Ilott 0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 1, nb 5) 12
Total 200
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-88, 3-91, 4-114, 5-145, 6-149, 7-180, 8-180, 9-200.
BOWLING: McCague 12-2-48-1; Ilott 12.5-2-30-3; Taylor 15-3-36-1; Croft 29-10-43-2; Such 23-11-38-2

GRAHAM MORRIS


Stewart hooks for four on his way to the first century of the England tour on the opening day of the game against an Antiguan XI. Report, page 21

Dashing Waugh takes control

MARK Waugh produced one of his finest innings in one-day internationals as Australia levelled the World Series Cup final against South Africa in Sydney on Saturday. Waugh scored 107 from 111 deliveries and was the cornerstone of a 69-run victory for Australia.

His sparkling innings guided his team to 247 for six, before Shane Warne took over with three wickets for 42 from ten overs of leg spin as South Africa were dismissed for 178. They had earlier collapsed from 102 for two to 107 for five.

Dean Jones, recalled to the Australian team, collected 79 runs from 113 deliveries in a third-wicket stand of 175 with Waugh that put sustained pressure on South Africa. The final is level at 1-1 and the teams return to Sydney tomorrow for the decider.

A sell-out crowd of 39,808 gave Border, the Australia captain, a standing ovation when he came to the crease for possibly his last one-day international on home soil.

"The key to tonight's match was the Waugh and Jones partnership," Border said. "Their running between the wickets gave us the foundation we needed." Waugh and Jones reached their 100 partnership in 84 minutes.

AUSTRALIA
M Hayden c Snell b Donald 16
D C Boon c Rhodes b Donald 14
D M Jones c Cronje b Donald 79
M E Waugh c G Kirsten b de Villiers .. 107
S R Waugh b Donald 1
*A R Border c Richardson b de Villiers .. 6
†I A Healy not out 10
P R Reiffel not out 5
Extras (lb 5, nb 1, w 3) 9
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) 247
S K Warne, C J McDermott and T B A May did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-35, 3-210, 4-221, 5-227, 6-241
BOWLING: Donald 10-0-40-4; Snell 10-0-59-0; de Villiers 10-2-39-2; McMillan 7-0-40-0; Symcox 8-0-26-0; Cronje 7-0-38-0.

SOUTH AFRICA
P N Kirsten run out 11
G Kirsten c Boon b May 42
W J Cronje st Healy b Warne 28
J N Rhodes b McDermott 52
D J Cullinan c S Waugh b Warne 3
B M McMillan lbw b Warne 0
†D J Richardson b Border 16
R P Snell b McDermott 5
P L Symcox run out 12
P S de Villiers not out 0
A A Donald c and b McDermott 0
Extras (lb 7, nb 1) 8
Total (45.5 overs) 178
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-74, 3-102, 4-108, 5-107, 6-156, 7-176, 8-178, 9-178.
BOWLING: McDermott 8.5-0-39-3; Reiffel 8-0-23-0; S Waugh 5-0-11-0; May 10-1-35-1; Warne 10-0-42-3, Border 4-0-21-1.
Australia won by 69 runs.

Sri Lanka batsmen routed by Kumble

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ANIL Kumble, of India, struck another blow for the cause of leg spin by taking seven wickets for 59, a career-best performance, as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 174 in their second innings of the Lucknow Test match yesterday and beaten by an innings and 119 runs.

Having been forced to follow on 293 runs behind India's score of 511, Sri Lanka reached 100 before the second wicket fell but then had no answer to the wiles of Kumble, 23, a mechanical engineer.

Kumble, who had taken four wickets in the first innings, finished with a match return of 11 for 128 and now has 77 wickets in 14 Test appearances. His previous best bowling was six for 53 against South Africa in Johannesburg last year.

Kapil Dev failed to add to the single wicket he captured in the Sri Lankan first innings and remains on 425, still six short of the Test record of 431 held by Sir Richard Hadlee.

Sri Lanka reached lunch at 56 for one and afterwards Mahanama and Tillekeratne held Kumble at bay for a while during a gritty second-wicket partnership. But once the opening batsman had been picked up at silly point by Azharuddin, after scoring 45, the collapse was under way.

The left-handed Tillekeratne reached 47 before he swung wildly to give Prabhakar at catch at mid-on. The Sri Lankan captain, Ranatunga, was caught behind without acoring.

"I think we played good positive cricket," Azharuddin, the Indian captain said afterwards. "It is good to begin the new year with a win." It was India's fiftieth Test victory in 287 matches.

INDIA: First Innings 511 (S R Tendulkar 142, N S Sidhu 124, S V Manjrekar 61; M Muralitharan 5-162).

SRI LANKA: First Innings
R S Mahanama c Mongia b Kumble 73
S Samaraweera lbw Chauhan 42
H P Tillekeratne c Mongia b Kumble 7
P A de Silva c Azharuddin b Kumble 13
*A Ranatunga c Chauhan b Raju 9
R S Kalpage c Azharuddin b Kumble 2
†P B Dissanayake st Mongia b Raju 36
D K Liyanage lbw Prabhakar 12
S D Anurasiri b Prabhakar 2
P B Wickremasinghe lbw Kapil Dev 6
M Muralitharan not out 9
Extras (lb 7) 7
Total 218
FALL OF WICKETS 1-120, 2-120, 3-132, 4-149, 5-149, 6-158, 7-191, 8-197, 9-208
BOWLING: Prabhakar 16.4-7-36-2; Kapil Dev 10-3-27-1; Raju 20-10-25-2; Kumble 37-10-89-4; Chauhan 23-7-54-1

Second Innings
R S Mahanama c Azharuddin b Kumble 45
D Samaraweera lbw b Kumble 12
H P Tillekeratne c Prabhakar b Kumble 47
P A de Silva b Kumble 11
*A Ranatunga c Mongia b Kumble 0
R S Kalpage c Kumble b Raju 2
†P B Dissanayake b Prabhakar 15
D K Liyanage c Mongia b Chauhan 23
S D Anurasiri lbw b Kumble 4
P B Wickremasinghe not out 0
M Muralitharan b Kumble 0
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 4) 15
Total 174
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-100, 3-109, 4-109, 5-122, 6-122, 7-172, 8-174, 9-174
BOWLING: Prabhakar 16-3-38-1, Kapil Dev 3-0-9-0; Raju 14-5-28-1; Kumble 27.3-9-59-7; Chauhan 12-2-30-1

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hounslow lead cut by Avery's goal

A WELL taken goal by Stuart Avery five minutes before half-time brought Havant an important 1-0 victory over Hounslow, the title-holders, in the Pizza Express national men's hockey league yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Havant, who defended well in the second half, are now two points behind Hounslow at the top of the first division with a game in hand. Southgate, with two games in hand, are also in a challenging position.

Sean Kerry converted three short corners for Southgate in a 6-1 away victory over Welton while Phillip McGuire scored all Teddington's goals, from two short corners and a penalty stroke, in a 3-2 away win over Canterbury. Richard Gibson, who has emerged as one of the more promising young players of the season, hit the target twice for East Grinstead, who defeated Bournville 4-2.

Surbiton, leaders of the second division, drew further away with a 3-0 victory over Doncaster, while Guildford and Barford Tigers were drawing 1-1, although Jennings nearly snatched victory for Guildford in the dying seconds.

Havard's poor show

BOXING: The inadequacies of "get lucky" world title challengers, who never get lucky, were brutally exposed at Cardiff on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes). Floyd Havard, of Wales, was not only never able to take a significant step forward against Juan Molina, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) super-featherweight champion, from Puerto Rico, but at the end of the sixth round was left with a broken nose and had to be pulled out by his corner. Havard said afterwards: "The doctor said I could have been seriously injured so it was sensible to get out." Having comprehensively lost every round, he was already taking a severe beating. Even Frank Maloney, the promoter, admitted Havard was out of his depth.After Havard's nose has healed he will return at a level more suited to his abilities, in domestic competition. Molina may have broken more than his nose though — his spirit might be too.

Devils extend lead

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils beat their nearest rivals, Fife Flyers, 7-3 on Saturday to widen the gap between them in the premier division to six points, with two games in hand (Norman de Mesquita writes). In a close game Cardiff took control with two goals in the final two minutes. It was even closer at Basingstoke where a goal by Dave Whistle with 17 seconds remaining gave the Beavers an 11-10 victory over Murrayfield Racers. There was a surprise when Humberside Hawks, unbeaten in their previous eight games, lost to Whitley Warriors.

Third title for Douce

CYCLO-CROSS: Steve Douce won his third successive National Trophy League championship yesterday at Northallerton, north Yorkshire, although beaten into second place in the final round by the Belgian, Ronnie Poelvoorde (Peter Bryan writes). Douce took the lead in the opening lap but when later he misjudged his line on a corner, Poelvoorde went ahead and coasted to the finish a comfortable winner. In the four-race series, in which a rider's three best performances count, Douce finished with 123 points, seven more than the national champion, Roger Hammond.

Kings reach last four

BASKETBALL: Guildford Kings, the holders, beat Leicester City Riders in a low-scoring National Cup quarter-final on Saturday. Trailing 34-31 at half-time, the Kings hit back to win 64-55 with 14 points apiece from Adrian Cummings and Karl Brown. Manchester Giants also made good a half-time deficit, coming from 50-49 down to beat Birmingham Bullets 99-85, due mainly to Joe Hillman (33 points) and Trevor Gordon (24). Thames Valley won 89-80 at Sunderland with Tony Holley (29 points) and Peter Scantlebury (23) doing most of the scoring.

England take silver

HOCKEY: Lucy Cope marked her return to the international stage in the Under-21 European women's indoor championships at the weekend, by scoring ten goals in two days, and leading England in a remarkable comeback to take the silver medal on goal difference. England's medal hopes rested on the final game yesterday against Spain, the gold medal winners. England were four goals down by half-time, but a hat-trick from Cope and an equaliser from Jackie Savage gave them the vital point they needed. Slovakia won the bronze medal.

Leigh fight back

RUGBY LEAGUE: Leigh, bottom of the first division, ended an 18-match losing run yesterday by beating St Helens 21-4, with tries by Collier, Martin and Warburton. They are still five points behind Oldham, who are a place above them in the Stones Bitter Championship. Oldham appeared on course for an even more surprising victory against Warrington until Jonathan Davies kicked three goals, scored a try and dropped a goal for a 23-6 win which nudged Bradford Northern off the top of the table on points difference. Castleford's glory, page 28

Price seeks more glory

BOWLS: John Price, the 1990 world indoor singles champion, confirmed his domination of Welsh bowls but his club, Swansea, lost to Earlswood and their place at the top of the West Wales league. Having already won all four Welsh indoor bowls titles, including the singles five times, Price has excelled again, reaching the Welsh finals of the British Isles indoor singles, pairs and fours championships. But he had an audacious escape on Friday. Trailing to Robert Weale 14-19, he clawed back with two trebles, then, at 20-20, drew the winning shot with his last bowl on the 24th.

SKI REPORT

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	100	175	good	varied	good	fine -2	20/1
Good firm snow on piste and runs well groomed							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	25	85	good	fair	fair	cloud 2	17/1
Warmer today with lower slopes starting to wear							
Mayrhofen	6	55	fair	varied	closed	fair 2	17/1
Most pistes still skiing well.							
Obergurgl	60	110	good	crusty	good	sun -2	17/1
Pistes still in very good condition							
FRANCE							
Alpe D'huez	130	200	good	varied	good	fine -1	16/1
Good conditions throughout resort							
Chamonix	15	180	good	varied	poor	fine 3	17/1
Good snow and skiing on all but lowest slopes							
Isola	200	280	good	heavy	fair	sun -1	18/1
Pistes busy with weekend skiers							
Nevalier	55	180	good	varied	good	fine 1	16/1
Excellent skiing on piste everywhere							
Tignes	135	295	good	varied	good	sun -3	16/1
Excellent skiing on well groomed pistes							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	70	80	fair	heavy	fair	fair 4	17/1
Good skiing still but rise in temperature							
Crans	45	150	good	varied	fair	fair 2	17/1
Generally very good skiing							
Klosters	30	125	good	varied	good	fair 3	17/1
Great skiing continues in all areas							
Mürren	50	110	good	varied	fair/cloud	6	17/1
Excellent skiing above 1800m on soft snow							
Verbier	30	320	good	varied	fair	sun 8	17/1
All upper slopes good, hard-packed lower down							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

Main sees her chance fall away

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN COPENHAGEN

THERE will surely be some heated debate at the next meeting of the National Ice Skating Association's figure committee following the women's free skating at the European championships here on Saturday. Stephanie Main, the British champion, finished last of the 24 qualifiers in that section, and 23rd overall. The pattern is depressingly familiar since much the same thing had happened in the world junior championships last month.

In the ordinary way, the British champion should be the selected skater, of course, but the circumstances of Main reaching that elevated status at Basingstoke earlier in the season should have been borne in mind. It happened because last year's winner, Charlene von Saher, who was a class above everybody else at Basingstoke in the technical programme, was taken ill and could not take part in the free skating.

The selectors then did a peculiar thing. They chose Main for Copenhagen using the criteria that she was the British champion and that they had not had an opportunity of seeing von Saher's free programme. Yet neither of these considerations inhibited them from deciding, at the same meeting, to send von Saher rather than Main to the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, next month. The long-term effect of this well-meaning attempt to be fair to all parties is that Britain will again have only one representative, presumably von Saher, in the European championships next year, whereas if she had competed here and secured a place in the top ten, there would have been two. She finished twelfth in the world championships last year, preceded by five non-Europeans.

On Saturday, Main, a 17-year-old Scot, was nothing like the gritty competitor who had skated so well, bearing in mind her limitations, in the technical programme the day before. Unnerved by a heavy fall in her opening double axel, she did not attempt a single triple jump. She is young, of course, yet older than many others who were producing triple jumps all over the ice.

Another disappointment was provided by Katarina Witt, who may have suffered from too much advance publicity. Her programme, already thin in technical content, was further weakened by the exclusion of a second triple salchow and a second triple toe loop. She finished eighth in the free skating, and eighth overall, thus coming close to losing her place in the German team for Lillehammer.

The women's championship was won, as it was last year, by Surya Bonaly, of France, with Oksana Baiul, the Ukrainian who won the world title last year, in second place. So another fascinating tussle seems in prospect for Lillehammer. The elegant von Saher may hope to create an impact, though at a lower level. Neither of the Russian skaters who finished third and fourth here are allowed to compete at Lillehammer because of qualification rules based on world championship results from last year.

Meanwhile, in yesterday's exhibitions, Torvill and Dean provided a glimpse of one of the new moves designed to give their free dance more appeal, a somersault on the lines of the close of their "Barnum" routine of 1983.

It would be unfair to leave Copenhagen without a word of praise for the ice dance judges. The rigidity which has marked their deliberations for so long was not evident and a suggestion here before the final that they may have already made up their minds in favour of Usova and Zhulin requires humble retraction. The Russian couple finished third.

RESULTS: Women: 1, S Bonaly (Fr), 1.5 pts; 2, O Baiul (Ukr), 3.0; 3, O Markova (Russ), 4.5; 4, M Butyrskaya (Russ), 7.0; 5, T Szewczenko (Ger), 7.5; 6, K Czako (Hun), 8.0. British: 23, S Main, 33.0.

WORD-WATCHING

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VERATRINE
(b) A poisonous vegetable alkaloid or mixture of alkaloids, obtained especially from various species of *Veratrum* (as the seeds of *Veratrum Sabadilla* and the root of *Veratrum album*), and used medicinally as an ointment for the relief of neuralgia, rheumatism, etc., from the Latin *vērātrum* hellebore.

WOW-WOW
(c) The silver gibbon of Java, *Hylobates leuciscus*, also applied to *Hylobates agilis*, from the Javanese and Dutch names imitative of the animal's cry.

HAYWARD
(c) An officer of a manor, township, or parish, having charge of the fences and enclosures, especially to keep cattle from breaking through from the common into enclosed fields, from *hay*, OE *hege* a hedge + *ward* a guardian.

INCHPIN
(c) A name among huntsmen for the sweetbread of a deer, but by some explained as the lower gut or otherwise, apparently from *inch* + *pin*, but perhaps a popular corruption of some other word.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 Be7+! forces checkmate, e.g.
1 ... Kxe7 2 Rc7+ and now:
2 ... Kf6 3 Rf1+ mating quickly;
2 ... Ke8 3 Qe6+;
2 ... Kf8 3 Qh6+.

Northampton's big names continue to struggle in cup exit at Kingsholm

Confident Gloucester quick to seize initiative

Gloucester..... 11
Northampton..... 6

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

JULIAN HERBERT



Fenley, the combative Gloucester scrum half, passes the ball to his backs during his side's Pilkington Cup defeat of Northampton at Kingsholm

OF THE two rugby union teams at Kingsholm on Saturday, one fielded four international players, a fifth who will be capped in a fortnight and five England A internationals of varying vintages. The other side had one cap and a couple of "wannabes". This being sport, the lesser lights won: Gloucester played with confidence whereas Northampton are in such a wretched mental trough that whatever their coach, Glenn Ross, asks them to do turns to dross.

Keith Richardson, Gloucester's coach, will sympathise with Ross because he was going through exactly the same a year ago. But when all Northampton's shortcomings were laid bare in the hothouse of the Pilkington Cup fifth round (under the unforgiving eye of television cameras), it was enough to make the administrators, who have worked so hard these last five years to put the town back on the rugby map, despair.

From the moment that Tim Smith leapt for Steele's first high ball, Gloucester, victors by a try and two penalty goals to a penalty and a dropped goal, looked like a team who knew what they were about. The confusion in Northampton minds was obvious from the decision to put Hunter on the field at all: the full back pulled a hamstring on Tuesday, gave it a thorough warm-up before the game and pronounced it fine, then came off with only 13 minutes played.

When in doubt, leave out might be Ross's motto for the remainder of the season. "We may have got carried away in targeting talent too soon but there were times when, if they had been prepared to back themselves, to take a few risks which would not have been risks for a side playing well, they might have caused havoc," Ross said.

The nub of Northampton's problem, injuries to Olver, the captain, and the influential Rodber apart, is that they train to play one way, only to be overcome by neuroses in matches. Ross wants a short-side game typical of his native New Zealand, using the strengths of his wings, only to find his midfield turning into headless chickens and his talented young scrum half, Dawson, scrabbling to make use of ill-directed ball.

Gloucester had the added advantage of knowing what to expect: Barry Corless, their director of rugby, having spent five years with Northampton, steered his tight forwards clear of Northampton's collapsible front row and skirted the towering Bayfield at the lineout. He could not stop Bayfield winning a hatful of possession but his forwards could make life awkward thereafter — and did, to the extent that Bayfield was lectured by the referee for trying to rid himself, brusquely, of a clinging Gloucester presence.

One of Corless's ambitions when he joined Gloucester was a place in the last eight of the cup. That he has achieved and a kind draw today may see the West Countrymen further, though concussion will rule Caskie out of two difficult league matches, against Leicester and Bath. The centre, whose deft diagonal kick laid on the game's only try, was carried off after a clash of heads and taken to hospital for a precautionary x-ray before being released.

Yet Corless is genuinely puzzled at Northampton's decline. "All the patterns they had last year have gone," he said. He might have added that they had gone with Wayne Shelford, there being a transparent absence of a strong tactical brain in Northampton ranks.

In Fenley he had a combative scrum half willing to take people on, industrious forward support and strong midfield runners. It was not a pretty match and much of the execution was below the standard expected of first division teams. But Gloucester, after their indifferent start to the season, are happy with that for the time being.

It might not have been enough had Steele and Grayson not missed five penalty attempts between them, though Smith went through a bad spell in the second half. After Steele's careful dropped goal from behind a ruck, Holford scored Gloucester's try and Smith kicked penalties in each half. Grayson's penalty came late in the game when Northampton were stretching the defence by keeping the ball in hand; had they done so earlier the outcome might have been different.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Try: Holford. Penalty goals: T Smith (2). Northampton: Penalty goal: Grayson. Dropped goal: Steele.
GLOUCESTER: T Smith, P Holford, S Morris; D Caskie, M Nicholson; D Cummins, B Fenley; A Windo, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Glanville, S Devereux, R West, I Smith, D Sims. Caskie replaced by I Morgan (69min).
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; K Morgan, M Fielden, J Fletcher, N Beal, J Steele, M Dawson; G Baldwin, A Clarke, G Pearce, P Walton, N Edwards, M Bayfield, C Milthouse, M Steffen. Hunter replaced by P Grayson (13).
Referee: K Ricketts (London)

Leicester's brilliance leaves Irish gasping for breath

Leicester..... 43
London Irish..... 10

By Peter Bills

PRECISELY seven days before this Pilkington Cup fifth-round tie, another Irish rugby team had travelled with the clear intention of limiting damage to its reputation. The comparison between London Irish on Saturday and the Irish national team a week earlier in France was irresistible. Both sides perished chiefly by dint of fatigue in the last quarter.

Those who have masterminded London Irish's return to the highest stage merit great praise. The sadness is that progress in that direction has not been matched on the field since the club returned to the first division.

At Welford Road on Saturday the Exiles never began to suggest they possessed the playing personnel or pattern required to upset the Cup holders before their adoring masses.

From the very start it was plainly a question of not whether Leicester would win but by what margin. Irish did secure some possession but they seemed bereft of clear ideas, often kicking downfield in desperation. They lacked authority in every department.

Leicester lacked the inspiration of the absent Richards and their game never flowed as consistently as it can. But even a comparative off day was more than sufficient. Leicester led 21-3 at half-time and then 29-3, an advantage which induced distraction.

With typical Irish perversity, Geoghegan then scored the outstanding try of the match — perhaps of the season — with a 75-yard run, outside swerve and kick ahead which he regained for the score. But this made little difference. Wells and Garforth promptly rumbled over for tries to confirm Leicester's huge superiority.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: T Underwood, R Underwood, Rowntree, Wells, Garforth. Conversions: Harris (3). Penalty goals: Harris (4). London Irish: Try: Geoghegan. Conversion: Corcoran. Penalty goal: Corcoran.
LEICESTER: W Kilford; T Underwood, L Boyle, S Potter, R Underwood; J Harris, A Cardocini; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, O Wrenham, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, J Wells. Back replaced by C Tarbuck (65min).
LONDON IRISH: R Hennessey; M Corcoran, R Henderson, O Cobbe, S Geoghegan; P Burke, R Saunders, N Donovan, R Kellam, G Halpin, H Lamb, C Hall, S Domoni, R Jenkins, A Vering. Vering temporarily replaced by A Norris (49 to 51)
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).



Geoghegan: superb try

Harlequins fully extended

Harlequins..... 23
West Hartlepool..... 15

By Barry Trowbridge

HARLEQUINS will be in the draw for the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup when it is made at Twickenham today, but they were neither convincing nor wholly confident at the Stoop memorial ground on Saturday where West Hartlepool, injuries and all, refused to submit on a perfect afternoon for running rugby.

Only when Kevin Oliphant failed to convert Mick Watson's try with a minute of normal time remaining, leaving West still two scores adrift, did the side at the top of the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship seem to accept what on form was inevitable, but by then they had won the admiration of neutrals and respect from the Quins with a comeback as courageous as it appeared unlikely when the last quarter dawned.

Deprived of Paul Whitelock, their tight-head prop, after half an hour, West coped adequately up front when John Dixon moved forward from the second row to pack down against Jason Leonard and showed equal resolve in overcoming the loss of two scrum halves. Oliphant, moving there from full back with 15 minutes to play, proved more than competent in keeping his line going.

Had Kent Bray place-kicked as well as he had the previous week against Wasps, Harlequins could have been out of sight by half-time, but he failed with three penalty attempts and the conversion of Simon Dear's try as his side took early control.

Before half-time, Challinor had taken over penalty duties from Bray and with two successes put Quins 11-3 up. Tries by Russell, who stole a West lineout ten metres out before setting off for the line, and Alexander, who charged down Owen Evans's attempted clearance and dribbled over, took their score to 23.

With 25 minutes remaining, that should have been it, but followers of West know otherwise, and it came as a shock only to Harlequins when the visitors' reorganised ranks rallied to the death.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Dear, Russell, Alexander. Conversion: Challinor. Penalty goals: Challinor (2). West Hartlepool: Tries: Hodder, Watson. Conversion: Oliphant. Penalty goal: Oliphant.
HARLEQUINS: K Bray; D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander, P Challinor, C Luxton, J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, S Dear, G Richardson, T Coker. Luxton replaced by S Glenister (73min).
WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant, O Evans, S Hodder, C Lea, D Cooke, J Stabler, J Wrigley, S Lancaster, S Mitchell, P Whitelock, P Evans, J Dixon, K Westgarth, A Brown, M Watson. Whitelock replaced by D Mitchell (31). Wrigley replaced by S Cook (41). Cook replaced by M Sengelow (64).
Referee: M Bayliss (Gloucester).

Pack sets up Saracens' party

Rosslyn Park..... 12
Saracens..... 29

By John Hopkins

BRIAN Davies had two reasons for celebration on Saturday. First, he captained Saracens to victory over Rosslyn Park in the Pilkington Cup then, that task successfully completed, he set off for the bar to celebrate his 28th birthday.

There was never any serious doubt that Saracens, third in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship, would beat their fellow Londoners, third in the third division, although the scoreline flattered them.

The more things change elsewhere in rugby, the more they seem to stay the same at Roehampton. Andy Ripley was as benign a presence as ever and the Heath Robinson erection of netting to stop balls going into the Upper Richmond Road remains in place. The high standard of tea and sandwiches in the clubhouse provides a lesson in hospitality to many first division clubs. In short, it is always a pleasure to go to Rosslyn Park.

But whereas Park continue to produce teams with snapping, pacy backs, nowadays they have neither the height nor weight in the forwards they once had. Saracens, on the other hand, do, and they know how to use these big men. Again and again they drove forward in grinding, rolling mauls. Two of their tries and one of their penalties came from such tactics.

Andy Tunningley, their full back, kicked four penalties and one conversion. In the second half he missed only one kick, a penalty in injury time, and there was some moral justice in this. With a bit of generosity and the interest of the spectators in mind, Saracens could have run this penalty.

For 15 minutes after half-time, while trailing 12-16, Rosslyn Park dominated. Had either Andy Holder, their personable captain, or Paul Roblin, their stand-off, been successful with penalty attempts then the game might have taken a different course. Saracens then regained control thanks to two of Tunningley's penalties and they gilded the lily with a fine try by stand-off Andy Lee near the end.

SCORERS: Rosslyn Park: Tries: Parton, Roiser. Conversion: Roblin. Saracens: Tries: Crawley, Hill, Lee. Conversion: Tunningley. Penalty goals: Tunningley (4).
ROSSLYN PARK: G Allison; A Parton, A Holder, T Ashworth, S Roiser, P Roblin, T Smither; D Perrett, D Barrett, J Read, I Pickup, A Millward, I Campbell-Lamerton, R Downey, R Horrocks-Taylor.
SARACENS: A Tunningley; P Hughes, A Atherson, S Ravenscroft, M Kemp; A Lee, B Davies, R Andrews, G Botterman, S Wilson, J Green, M Langley, M Burrow, R Hill; B Crawley. Kemp replaced by P Friel (71 min).
Referee: R Quittenden (London).

Barnes makes amends for kicking errors

Bath..... 14
Bristol..... 9

By Bryan Stiles

STUART Barnes, the cheeky chappie of English rugby, may have lost some of his customary swagger on Saturday, but he still managed to conjure up a place for Bath in the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup.

He paraded his wide range of impudent sleights of hand and darting runs, but his confidence evaporated when it came to kicking penalty goals. Normally among the most accurate of kickers, he might just as well have been wearing open-toed sandals on the sandpit of a pitch. Bath's score would have more than doubled if he had taken all his goal-kicking chances.

It was like a stage magician discovering the bottom half of the box had disappeared after he had sawed the lady in half. Bath — like the lady — were in a bit of a predicament and needed to be put back together quickly as Bristol's fiery pack made blood-stirring attempts to cause an upset.

After missing four penalties Barnes turned in despair to Mike Catt. The centre had one attempt — and missed — so Barnes tried again, and missed again. It added to the tension of a derby match that was full of action and suspense as Bristol fought back to within five points of Bath's score after trailing 14-0 until just before half-time. Bath held out and won by two goals to three penalty goals.

Bath would probably have had a less fraught passage had Jonathan Callard not made a late withdrawal from the team. The England full back, who is Bath's main kicker, had hamstring trouble.

But Bristol were heartened by the way they ran Bath so close. Their lineout trio of Shaw, Blackmore and Barrow deprived Bath access to one of the best sources of possession. Unfortunately Bristol could not turn it into tries. There was a lack of sharpness in midfield.

Ben Clarke had another glorious game. He appeared in one Bath move three times before being hauled down a yard short of the line. Hill retrieved the ball and sent in Ojomoh under the posts for the first try in the 24th minute.

Nine minutes later Barnes found a gap in midfield that Tainton just before half-time. The Bristol pack gave Bath a torrid time for long spells in the tight and loose play but they could not make the final breakthrough. Their only way of getting points on the board was through the boot of Tainton, who added two more penalties in the second half. It was not enough, but it confirmed that Bristol have emerged from their lean spell.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Ojomoh, Catt. Conversions: Barnes (2). Bristol: Penalty goals: Tainton (3).
BATH: A Lumsden; A Swift, M Catt, P de Glanville, A Adebayo, S Barnes, R Hill, C Clark, G Dawe, V Ubogu, S Ojomoh, M Haag, A Reed, J Hall, B Clarke.
BRISTOL: P Hull, D John, A Sawyer, M Tainton, R Knibbs, S Crossland, M Tainton, R Kitchin, A Sharp, M Regan, D Hinkins, B Armstrong, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, C Barrow.
Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).

Ystradgynlais make a name for themselves

By Gerald Davies

A CLASS in Welsh pronunciation this morning will do no harm, I am sure, so that you do not encounter any difficulties at a later date. The way things are going, you might hear a good deal more of Ystradgynlais before the season is out.

On Saturday, they created a headline by sending Newport out of the Swalec Cup, winning 10-9, but in the village they felt the margin of victory should have been bigger. After all, their stand-off half, Mike Lewis, missed five first-half penalties, but they still managed to reach the last 16 for the first time. Ystradgynlais is a tongue-twister for some. Quite why this should be, I am not sure, but then I have grown up with it. Perhaps it is all those closely-knit consonants. Only those who visit the nearby Brecon Beacons and appreciate their wild beauty tend to be familiar with the name. So, altogether now, "Us-trad-gun-lice".

It is a village that has been forced to exist in a kind of limbo. When the local authority map was redrafted 20 years ago, it was shunted into Powys and defined as the southern-most point of a county which stretches to the north of Wales. Ystradgynlais's character, however, embraces the south, particularly Swansea and the Tawe Valley. Its rugby is of that tradition, of that tough school, and the team is ambitious, rising from the fourth division to the third last season.

Although Newport are not at their best these days, faltering in the first division, they still carry with them the air of the big-shot. Newport once beat the All Blacks. They are famous. Nobody has trouble with their name.

But Newport met the type of defiance they feared. They had been down this road before: in 1980 they visited Penclawdd and were sent home with what was interpreted as a 4-0 drubbing. They carried the stigma for 13 years, when no early rounds of the competition were worthy of mention without Newport being reminded of this spectre.

Until last year that is, when Cardiff, in all their swank and glory, were brought down to earth, beaten 16-14 at Cardiff Arms Park by their neighbours. St Peters, of the third division, Newport's relief that they might, at long last, be allowed to forget their failure was palpable. It did not last long. They may now begin to feel that encouraging the underdog we all cherish is destined to be their role in the scheme of things. Such results brighten all our lives. Newport will not see it quite that way, but we should be grateful to them, just as we were to Cardiff last season. It is a blessed moment when the world tilts, however briefly.

Each future cup draw will be a moment for Newport to dread. Ystradgynlais, for their part, may care to ponder the fate of St Peters. Glory this time last season, beaten 42-8 by Blackwood on Saturday. Enjoy the moment while you may.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

Pilkington Cup
Fifth round
Bath 14 Bristol 9
Bath: Tries: Catt, Ojomoh. Cons: Barnes 2. Bristol: Pens: Tainton 3.
Gloucester 11 Northampton 6
Gloucester: Try: Holford. Pens: T Smith 2. Northampton: Pen: Grayson. Dropped goal: Steele.
Harlequins 23 W Hartlepool 15
Harlequins: Tries: Alexander, Dear, Russell. Cons: Challinor. Pens: Challinor 2. West Hartlepool: Tries: Hodder, Watson. Con: Oliphant. Pens: Oliphant.
Leicester 43 L Irish 10
Leicester: Tries: Garforth, Rowntree, T Underwood, R Underwood, Wells. Cons: Harris 3. Pens: Harris 4. London Irish: Try: Geoghegan. Con: Corcoran. Pen: Corcoran.
Moseley 15 Fylde 8
Moseley: Pens: Hodgkinson 4. Dropped goal: Kerr. Fylde: Pens: Parker 2.
Newcastle G 7 Orrell 12
Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Tenow. Con: Johnson. Orrell: Tries: Ashurst, Naylor. Con: Arscough.
Otley 7 Sale 58
Otley: Try: Petyt. Con: Rutledge. Sale: Tries: Warr 2, Young 2, Bosendell, Birt, Diamond, McFarlane. Cons: Turner 6. Pen: Turner. Dropped goal: Turner.
Rosslyn Park 12 Saracens 29
Rosslyn Park: Tries: Parton, S Roiser. Con: Roblin. Saracens: Tries: Crawley, Hill, Lee. Con: Tunningley. Pens: Tunningley 4.

Courage Clubs Championship
Third division
Blackheath 31 Redruth 13
Blackheath: Tries: Booth, Douglas, Mitchell, Mycroft. Con: Mycroft. Pens: Mycroft 3. Redruth: Tries: Hawkins, Knowles. Pens: C Whitworth.
Exeter 32 Coventry 27
Exeter: Tries: Dowse, Hutchinson, Maunder, Tuzzinger. Cons: Green 3. Pens: Green 2. Coventry: Tries: Harrison, Lakey, Woodman. Cons: Angel 3. Pens: Angel 2.
Morley 25 Havant 0
Morley: Tries: Crossley, Hill, Massey. Cons: Grayshon 2. Pens: Grayshon 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	10	8	0	2	217	153	16
Blackheath	10	6	0	4	180	131	12
Fylde	9	6	0	3	146	106	12
Rosslyn Park	9	5	1	3	165	118	11
Exeter	9	5	1	3	154	152	11
Richmond	9	5	0	4	171	122	10
Bedford	8	5	0	3	138	121	10
Morley	10	3	0	7	154	188	6
Havant	8	1	0	6	85	197	2
Redruth	9	1	0	8	69	203	2

Fourth division

Aspatria	11	Leeds 8
Clifton	9	Harrogate 6
Liverpool St H	33	Broughton Pk 21
Sheffield	32	Askeans 9
Sudbury	6	Plymouth 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	10	8	2	0	274	100	18
Harrogate	10	7	2	1	202	105	16
Liverpool SH	9	6	0	3	206	148	12
Plymouth	10	5	0	5	133	213	10
Sheffield	9	4	0	5	171	116	8
Aspatria	10	4	0	6	136	176	8
Askeans	10	3	1	6	144	217	7
Leeds	9	3	0	6	108	148	6
Broughton Pk	9	3	0	6	129	198	6
Sudbury	10	2	1	7	134	214	5

Fifth division north
Hereford 15 Winnington Park 15
Fifth division south
Basingstoke 13 Southend 17
Maidstone 6 H.Wycombe 20

McEwan's League
First division
Currie 18 Selkirk 10
Currie: Tries: Donaldson, Forrester. Con: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson 2. Selkirk: Try: Tukalo. Con: Pow. Pens: Pow.
Edinburgh Ac 24 Boroughmuir 15
Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: Griffiths, Hay-Smith. Con: Hay-Smith. Pens: Hay-Smith 4. Boroughmuir: Tries: Macrae 2, Esson.
Hawick 28 Kelso 19
Hawick: Tries: Suddon 2, Stanger. Cons: Welsh 2. Pens: Welsh 3. Kelso: Try: Baird. Con: Atchison. Pens: Atchison 4.
Jed-Forest 39 Gala 10
Jed-Forest: Tries: Kirkpatrick 2, Armstrong, Douglas, Hogg. Con: C Richards. Pens: C Richards 2. Gala: Try: Amos. Con: Dods. Pen: Dods.
Melrose 30 W of Scotland 21
Melrose: Tries: Chalmers, Kerr, B Redpath, C Redpath. Cons: G Parker 2. Pens: G Parker. Dropped goal: G Parker. West of Scotland. Pens: Barrett 6. Dropped goal: Barrett.
Stirling Co 3 Stewart's Mel 6
Stirling County: Pen: M McKenzie. Stewarts Mel FP: Pens: Thomson 2.
Watsonians 20 Heriots FP 7
Watsonians: Try: Hastings. Pens: Hastings 3. Hodge. Dropped goal: Hodge. Heriots FP: Try: Gilmour. Con: Hewat.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	10	9	0	1	269	142	18
Heriots FP	10	7	0	3	210	150	14
Edinburgh Ac	10	6	1	3	192	142	13
Currie	9	6	0	3	185	129	12
Gala	9	6	0	3	203	158	12
Stirling Co	8	5	1	2	166	97	11
Stewarts Mel	10	5	1	4	125	127	11
Jed-Forest	9	4	0	5	142	122	8
Watsonians	10	4	0	6	170	237	8
Hawick	8	3	1	4	114	140	7
Boroughmuir	10	3	0	7	167	205	6
W of Scotland	9	2	1	6	152	195	5
Kelso	9	2	0	7	117	225	4
Selkirk	9	0	1	8	102	187	1

Second division

Bigger	11	Haddington 14
Dundee HSFP	28	Peebles 0
Edinburgh W	18	Ayr 17
Glasgow Ac	18	Clarkston 19

Grangemouth	18	Musselburgh 10
Preston Lodge	6	Glasgow High 19
Wigtownshire	22	Kirkcaldy 21

Swalec Cup
Fifth round

Aberavon	12	Neath 19
Bonymaen	6	Tondu 0
Bridgend	29	Felinfoel 6
Cardiff	27	Cefneithi 3
Dunvant	39	Pyle 10
Kidwelly	6	Llanelli 49
Llandovery	13	Mold 3
Maesteg	9	Glamorgan W 5
Maesteg Celtic	8	Talywain 3
Narberth	16	Nantymoel 5
Newbridge	32	Llanharan 3
Pontypridd	28	Aberavon 0
S Wales Pol	10	Caerphilly 3
Swansea	70	Seven Sisters 6
Tenby Utd	18	Abercrave 13
Ystradgynlais	10	Newport 9

Heineken League
Second division

Mt Ash	28	Ebbw Vale 3

Insurance Corporation League
First division

Dungannon	17	St Mary's Col 19
Greystones	11	Y Munster 14
Lansdowne	8	Shannon 23
Old Wesley	6	Garryowen 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cork Con	8	4	0	2	116	69	8
Dungannon	7	4	0	3	135	93	8
Blackrock C	4	4	0	0	84	38	8
Garryowen	6	4	0	2	89	70	8
Shannon	6	3	0	2	66	40	6
Greystones	6	3	0	3	70	74	6
Y Munster	7	3	0	4	75	114	6
St Mary's C	6	2	0	4	93	103	4
Old Wesley	7	2	0	5	85	94	4
Wanderers	4	1	0	3	56	84	2
Lansdowne	5	1	0	4	67	111	2

Second division

Ballina	10	Instonians 52
Ballymena	32	Bangor 3
Malone	13	Galwegians 12
Old Belvedere	15	Sunday's Well 12
Old Crescent	12	Terenure 15

Club matches

Bradford	11	Wakefield 16
Halifax	11	Nuneaton 14
Kendal	0	Waterloo 18
Oxford Univ	47	Bristol Univ 31
Preston G	13	Wharfedale 22
Reading	52	Bridgwater 8
Rotherham	29	Widnes 14
Stoke-on-Trent	22	Derby 12
Stourbridge	13	Loughborough St 10
W London Inst	5	Cambridge Univ 28
Rugby	10	Richmond 20
Pontypool	30	Tredegar 24
L Welsh	37	Treorchy 36
Penarth	15	Aberdare 16

PILKINGTON SHIELD: Sixth round: North: Alnerstone 3 Keswick 10, Edwardian 22 St Albans 0, Kidderminster Carolians 14 Colne and Nelson 0, Malvern 20 Wibsey 13. South: Barton Hill OB 6 Hucclecote Old Boys 8, Bedfordian 11 Old Hamptonians 25, Loughton 6 Old Esthamians, 14 Old Purple Cake 10 Woking 3.

Weld's hope is top-priced at 11-4 for Cheltenham after fine trial

Fortune And Fame looks champion

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN LEOPARDSTOWN

THE engraver retained at the Cheltenham festival to quickly inscribe the name of winners on the silverware before big-race presentations can start practising: Champion Hurdle 1994 — Fortune And Fame.

Despite winning the AIG Europe Irish Champion Hurdle by only 1½ lengths from Danoli at Leopardstown yesterday, the result does not begin to reflect the superiority of the Dermot Weld runner.

Ridden for the first time by Adrian Maguire, Fortune And Fame looked a class above a field which included Granville Again, the current champion. Jumping quite superbly, he travelled throughout the race like a champion and looks banker material for the Cheltenham festival.

Maguire's one mistake, stemming no doubt from the dent in confidence after seven winnerless days, was to strike the front far too soon. Despite idling after leading two flights from home, Fortune And Fame held the renewed challenge of Danoli a shade comfortably. If the 5-4 on favourite had been held up longer, he would have won as he liked.

Corals initially offered Fortune And Fame at 7-2 for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle but, after laying the horse to lose £40,000 in credit wagers, swiftly cut his odds to 11-4. By contrast, Ladbrokes go 2-1 and Mike Dillon, their spokesman, believes Fortune And Fame could be sent off at even money on March 15, given the lack of quality opposition.

The paucity of top-class two-mile hurdlers is reflected by all the big bookmakers going 8-1 bar the favourite. With Danoli not entered for the Champion Hurdle (he may go for the Sun Alliance Hurdle over half a mile further) and Shawiya, receiving 9lb from the winner, ten lengths back in third, none of yesterday's runners is likely to cause Weld any sleepless nights.

Granville Again, who finished fourth, was upsides the winner going down the back straight but Richard Dunwoody said: "When the tap was turned on my fellow was very one-paced. It was a reasonable trial."

Maguire paid tribute to Brendan Sheridan, Fortune And Fame's usual rider, for the helpful advice he had offered in the run-up to yesterday's Champion Hurdle trial — and readily admitted he was to blame for not winning by a longer distance. "I have taken it up too soon. Next time I ride him I will know how much horse I have got under me. He is impressive, travelled very well today and is a brilliant jumper. He's so quick; a dream ride."

Weld added: "With the bad weather recently and the tendon problem the horse has had, I have been extremely careful with his training. I still think there is some improvement left. I was afraid Adrian had gone too soon and on the score of fitness he might be found out in the closing stages."

Fortune And Fame is entered at Gowran Park on February 19, but I suspect that Weld will not risk him again before Cheltenham.

Earlier, Shirley's Delight was outpointed decisively by Balawhar in the Diners Club Stillorgan Hurdle to complete a disappointing weekend for Noel Meade, whose Tiananmen Square was well beaten at Haydock on Saturday. The winner is likely to bypass the Triumph Hurdle in favour of the Aintree meeting.

Atone, the Ladbroke hurdle winner, reverted successfully to fences at a generous price of 9-4 to take the Baileys Arkle Perpetual Challenge Cup and may have one more run before Cheltenham.

William Hill left Jodami unchanged at 3-1 for the Cheltenham Gold Cup after a pleasing comeback in the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock on Saturday when he finished a staying-on third to Zeta's Lad. With the winner officially rated a stone inferior to last year's Gold Cup winner, it may pay to treat the form with caution.

A better Gold Cup clue is likely to be provided here in two weeks' time when Jodami is likely to clash with Chatam, Flashing Steel and Deep Bramble in the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup.

BIG RACE RESULT

Going: yielding to soft

2.45 A I G Europe Champion Hurdle (2m) 1, FORTUNE AND FAME (A Maguire, 4-5 fav), 2, Danoli (C Swan, 12-1); 3, Shawiya (R Dunwoody, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Granville Again (4th), 11-2 Destinero (5th), 16 Padashpan (6th), Padre Mio. 7 ran. NR: Gaelic Myth, Tiananmen Square. 1½l, 10l, 5l, 3½l. D Weld in Ireland. Tote: £1.80; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £9.10. CSF: £12.20.

ED BYRNE



Fortune And Fame, ridden by Adrian Maguire, keeps Danoli at bay in the AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown

Wild Illusion makes winning return

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

WILD Illusion returned to point-to-pointing on Saturday with an impressive win in the first division of the Land Rover qualifier at the Point-to-point Owners' Club meeting at Barbury Castle.

The task was made easier by the fall four out of Cool Relation, who was going well in the lead, but Wild Illusion's rider, Jon Trice-Rolph, said: "I had no intention of getting in front until two out, and I don't think the result would have been different."

Unfortunately, Wild Illusion is too old for The Times Rising Stars series, the goal of the winner of the second division, Sunny Mount. He extended his winning sequence to seven under his owner, Johnny Greenall. His stable companion Kilfinny Cross, based with Caroline Saunders, is also destined for the Rising Stars series after completing a double for Greenall in the restricted.

Flame O'Frensi, the winner of the mares' race under Joanne Cumings, is a likely starter in the Wincanton qualifier of the Rising Stars series on February 10, while four days later, another winner at the meeting, Tirley Missile, is a probable for the Hereford qualifier.

With racing in the south-east still three weeks away, Tim McCarthy ventured into East Anglia again. Last week, he won on Namoos, and on Saturday, rode Strong Gold to win the Cottenham Open.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HARRIERS (Cottenham): Hunt: 1, Galloway Raider (R Page, 4-5 fav), 2, Alaska Run. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Manor Mieo (A Coe, 5-1); 2, Arctic Teal; 3, Man Of The West. 12 ran. Open: 1, Strong Gold (T McCarthy, 2-1 fav); 2, Fenwick; 3, Regan. 12 ran. Intermediate: 1, River Melody (T Moore, 8-1); 2, Wistino, 3, Cardinal Richelieu. 17 ran. Ladies: 1, Ballinecourty (Miss S French, 5-1); 2, Fort Hall; 3, Queen's Chaplain. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Mister Main Man (W Sporborg, 4-5 fav); 2, Periphemos; 3, Force Eleven. 20 ran. Mdn: 1, Abingdon Boy (S R Andrews, 4-1). 2, Druid's Lodge; 3, Sunset Run. 13 ran.

PPOA (Barbury Castle). Mares: 1, Flame O'Frensi (Miss J Cumings, 4-6 fav); 2, Beltalong; 3, Rachels Rocker. 17 ran. Novice riders I: 1, Mr Golightly (Miss J Cobden, 4-1); 2, Quick Rapor; 3, Marshlander. 13 ran. Novice riders II: 1, Parsons Pleasure (C Mortock, 16-1); 2, Deer Fencer; 3, Judgeroger. 18 ran. Land Rover Open I: 1, Wild Illusion (J Trice-Rolph, 8-11 fav); 2, Robusti; 3, Yahoo. 11 ran. Land Rover Open II: 1, Sunny Mount (J Greenall, 1-2 fav), 2, Southern Buck; 3, Jolly Roger. 9 ran. Ladies. 1, Starember Lad (Miss J Cumings, 4-7 fav). 2, Winter Haven; 3, Brown Baby. 9 ran. Inter I: 1, Couture Tights (Miss J Priest, 20-1); 2, Space Man; 3, Causeway Cruiser. 15 ran. Inter II: 1, Yeoman Farmer (P Hacking, 5-1); 2, Scrumpy Country; 3, Anurag. 11 ran. Rest I: 1, Tirley Missile (Julian Pritchard, 8-1); 2, Music In The Night; 3, Down The Mine. 14 ran. Rest II: 1, Kilfinny Cross (J Greenall, 7-1); 2, Baron's Heir; 3, Hill Island. 17 ran

Maguire should not be blamed for rule frailties

Iosif Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili would have approved. But then, Joseph Stalin, as he was better known, always did enjoy a good show trial.

When Adrian Maguire appears before the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club on Thursday, there is a severe danger he will be offered up as a scapegoat following the faintly farcical but potentially damaging row over the whip issue which has engulfed racing.

The hyperbole and hysterics of recent days have clouded what is at stake. Rightly or wrongly, Maguire was cleared by the local stewards at Warwick of any misdemeanour after appearing to hit Ramstar (a Leicester runner today) at least 20 times with his whip during the closing stages of a televised race nine days ago.

The reason Maguire faces a re-trial at Portman Square this week is due as much to the frailties he has exposed — arguably in the controversial new whip rule, definitely in its implementation — as to his use of the whip in the Warwick novice chase.

Maguire should not be alone in the dock this week. Tom Coombs, who chaired the local panel of stewards that day, and his colleagues, Richard Evans and Richard Russell, should also have been arraigned.

By common consent, Maguire was guilty of misuse of the whip at Warwick. The two stewards secretaries on duty, Jeremy Ker and Colin Vickers, advised as such in the strongest terms. Instead of handing out a riding ban to Maguire, Coombs persuaded his colleagues to ignore the sound, professional advice and thus provoke the present controversy.

Perhaps they felt H9, the contentious whip instruction, is misguided. They would not be alone in that view, although fellow stewards at Warwick two weeks earlier showed no such doubts when coming down heavily on a conditional jockey and his trainer over a less blatant case of whip misuse involving Veleda II.

Whatever the reason for their decision, the disciplinary committee must not be tempted to exact its revenge on Maguire by imposing an unduly harsh sentence. A punitive ban would harm racing's image and Maguire should not be the real target.

Instead, the disciplinary committee must concentrate on fine tuning H9 and sorting out the inconsistency among local stewards who have to enforce the rule.

The present furore has prompted calls for the resignation of Anthony Mildmay-White, architect of H9 and chairman of the disciplinary committee. Nothing could make less sense. Mildmay-White, along with his deputy, Peter Player, have brought a breath of fresh air to the committee's proceedings with their intelligence, forward thinking and genuine wish to communicate to the wider racing public.

The same cannot be said about all local stewards, a minority of whom should not be officiating at racecourses. A thorough overhaul of the way the rules of racing are enforced at racecourses is now required. A paper outlining wide-ranging changes to the disciplinary regime will be discussed by Lord Hartington and his fellow stewards next month.

It is hoped they will see fit to improve the system for choosing local stewards, and give stewards' secretaries a bigger say at racecourse enquiries in order to achieve consistent decision making.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

THUNDERER

1.30 Bentico
2.00 RAGGERTY (nap)
2.30 Raymylette
3.00 Tribal Ruler
3.30 Killura
4.00 Mrs Mayhew

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 SANSOOL.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); HEAVY (HURDLES) SIS

1.30 CROXTON PARK NOVICES HURDLE (£2,038: 2m) (12 runners)

1 BENTICO 135F (B Reid) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 C Llewellyn —
2 31-3P5 GAYLOIRE 37 (G) (E Harvey) O Sherwood 5-11-5 Mr A Harvey (7) 87
3 00P-3P4 GRIFFINS BAR 24 (V) (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 6-11-5 A Carroll [88]
4 4/3P/P NORTH HOLLOW 21 (D McCain) D McCain 9-11-5 Mr D McCain (5) —
5 PARADISE NAVY 305F (W Gredley) M Pipe 5-11-5 R Dunwoody —
6 S0 SWINGING SONG 38 (Mrs F Gilman) J Wharton 7-11-5 B Dalton —
7 F3/ WHAT A MOUNT 1246 (Military Quartet) M Scudamore 11-11-5 R Bellamy —
8 WOODYARD 843F (T Pease) J Pickering 5-11-5 T Eley (5) —
9 GOOGLY 95F (Mrs M Horan) J White 5-11-0 A Maguire —
10 6P MISTRESS MINK 10 (B Hampson) N Smith 5-11-0 Mr N Bradley (7) 83
11 P BACKSTABBER 54F (Racewatch Racing) S Coathup 4-10-7 R Greene —
12 4 VOLUNTEER POINT 23 (Miss K Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 4-10-7 J Burke (5) 97

BETTING: 2-1 Bentico, 3-1 Googly, 7-2 Paradise Navy, 5-1 Gayloire, 7-1 Volunteer Point, 20-1 others.

1993: AS DU TREFLE 5-11-3 P Scudamore (4-6 fav) M Pipe 10 ran.

FORM FOCUS

BENTICO winning handicapper effective at up to 12f on the flat. GAYLOIRE 34l 5th of 11 to Shujan in a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). PARADISE NAVY placed over middle distances on the Flat. GOOGLY useful handicapper on Flat. VOLUNTEER POINT 31l 4th of 12 to Winter Forest in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: GAYLOIRE

2.00 BROOK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,764: 2m) (9 runners)

1 0-21443 MECADO 28 (V,G,S) (Hallsword Ltd) F Yardley 7-12-0 M Berry (5) 95
2 33/F-F20 PINECONE PETER 11 (V,F,S) (Mrs B Burgess) D Brennan 7-11-8 R Moore (5) 94
3 P34F1P PEACOCK FEATHER 7 (S) (Mrs J Smith) K Burke 6-11-3 N Juckes (5) 93
4 611514 RAGGERTY 5 (D,S) (Mrs C Pennington) S Coathup 4-10-10 M Bentley [89]
5 5-40330 BAYBEEJAY 11 (B,D,G) (J Hall) B Brotherton 7-10-4 T Dascombe 92
6 0P6P/P-2 JOKERS PATCH 42 (S) (D Lemon) R Baker 7-10-3 A Thornton 88
7 6350 SATIN LAKE 89 (Mrs K Watson) G Oldroyd 7-10-2 P Midgley —
8 112F-FP BIRCHWIM 2F (D,BF,S) (D Wilson) D Wilson 7-10-1 W Marston 98
9 04P/0-0 MORIARTY 21 (Mrs K Oseman) R Price 7-10-0 J McCarthy —

Long handicap: Moriarty 9-8.

BETTING: 9-4 Raggerty, 4-1 Peacock Feather, 5-1 Pinecone Peter, 11-2 Mecado, 13-2 Baybeejay, 7-1 others.

1993: MY LINDIANNE 6-10-0 M Hourigan (25-1) J Dooler 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MECADO 3½l 3rd of 10 to Mildred Sophia in a selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). PEACOCK FEATHER beat Milly Black 15l in a 10-runner selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, heavy) on penultimate start. RAGGERTY beat Bitran 1½l in an 8-runner selling handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. JOKERS PATCH 2l 2nd of 8 to Mildred Sophia in a selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft) with BAYBEEJAY (10lb better off) 4l 3rd.
Selection: BAYBEEJAY

2.30 DICK CHRISTIAN NOVICES CHASE (£2,777: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 624312 RAMSTAR 9 (C,BF,S) (Home Computers) D Nicholson 6-11-4 A Maguire 88
2 6-2F035 ASK THE GOVERNOR 28 (F,G,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 8-10-12 E Leonard —
3 51134-2 BOOK OF RUNES 124 (BF,G,S) (D Jones) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-12 C Llewellyn 85
4 40P-50P- MAYOR OF LISCARROL 238 (M Smith) M Smith 9-10-12 Mr S Brisby —
5 0-00112- RAYMYLETTE 334 (S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) N Henderson 7-10-12 R Dunwoody —
6 PO/FUP RIDIKA 27 (A Waterton) J Mackie 7-10-12 N Williamson —
7 32523- ROUYAN 452 (F,G) (P Mines) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-12 I Lawrence 86
8 50-2403 SMILES AHEAD 33 (G) (P Douglas Engineering) P Bevan 6-10-12 T Eley (5) —
9 P,7P5U UNDIS 28 (D Moffat) S Mellor 9-10-12 S Earle —
10 P96259 VICAR OF BRAY 33 (BF) (The Cleric Partnership) G Balding 7-10-12 S Hodgson —
11 5P-2UF2 CHICHELL'S HURST 21 (BF,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 8-10-7 A Carroll [88]
12 00F433 KEY'S LASS 28 (BF,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-10-7 P Murphy (7) 80

BETTING: 9-4 Ramstar, 3-1 Raymylette, 9-2 Chichell's Hurst, 11-2 Rouyan, 10-1 Book Of Runes, 12-1 others.

1993: SHANNON GLEN 7-10-12 M Pitman (6-1) Mrs J Pitman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAMSTAR short-head 2nd to Castle Diamond in a novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). RAYMYLETTE 4l 2nd to Tinryland in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good). ROUYAN 4½l 3rd to Strong Beau at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good). CHICHELL'S HURST 2l 2nd to Vayrua over course and distance (soft).
Selection: CHICHELL'S HURST

3.00 RABBIT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,341: 3m) (23 runners)

1 552-34F BERESFORDS GIRL 49 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 9-12-0 E Murphy 86
2 1-13661 TAMMY'S FRIEND 25 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-13 I Lawrence 85
3 P3/141-4 JIMSTRO 70 (D,G,S) (K Clutterbuck) K Clutterbuck 9-11-11 M Ahern 80
4 6P/13-PS BETTY HAYES 6 (BF,F,S) (H Bott) R Alner 10-11-10 Mr J Durkan 80
5 1/43-511 THE TARTAN SPARTAN 26 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Batchelor) M Wilkinson 10-11-8 P Ward (7) 91
6 312F24- WOODY WILL 255 (F) (The Allabaise Cricket Club) O Sherwood 8-11-8 J Osborne 80
7 1/3P0-P6 SHEEPHAVEN 48 (D,B) (A Wales) T Etherington 10-11-9 R Supple 80
8 6/1344-2 SILVERINO 25 (D,BF,G,S) (D Humphreys) G Moore 8-11-8 M Richards 80
9 432-134 TRIBAL RULER 81 (D,F,G,S) (J Singleton) D McCain 9-11-7 G McCourt 83
10 321-354 CHOCTAW 59 (F,G,S) (J Yeadon) P Beaumont 10-11-5 C Hawkins 80
11 P05651 CONCERT PAPER 11 (V,G,S) (S Rahmond) R O'Leary 10-11-4 K Davies (7) [89]
12 U3-6545 CLONROCHE DRILLER 46 (C,G,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 9-11-4 Mr D Parker (7) 84
13 P/5FP-04 THE FORTIES 23 (F,G) (Alan Merritt Ltd) T Bill 9-11-2 J Railton —
14 4P6301 VIVA BELLA 25 (G,S) (L Froomes) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-0 J Burke (5) 93
15 406-00F FAST CRUISE 11 (D,G,S) (C Patel) E Owen jun 9-11-0 A Thornton (3) 80
16 6P-0642 LEAGAUNE 7 (D,S) (S Greenwood) T Casey 12-10-13 R Dunwoody 89
17 F/6305-P BADBROOK 47 (V,F,G,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 12-10-12 L Harvey 88
18 F21/6-P0 TASMOUN CHAUFOUR 11 (G) (Avalon Surfacing) A Barrow 9-10-8 B Powell 75
19 4005-52 UNDERWYCHWOOD 24 (First Chance) P Burgoyne 6-10-7 R Guest 80
20 F48500 NOTERRY-NOWELL 27 (G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-7 A Maguire 80
21 P-66535 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 28 (V,P) (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 9-10-1 R Davis (3) 94
22 0P/P-349 CHRISTMAS GORSE 18 (D Stoddart) N Gaselee 8-10-0 J Frost 86
23 5P0P-5F MISTRESS MCKENZIE 39 (B Moore) K Bishop 8-10-0 R Greene —

Long handicap: Christmas Gorse 9-10, Mistress McKenzie 8-12.

BETTING: 5-1 Concert Paper, 11-2 Tammy's Friend, 13-2 The Tartan Spartan, 10-1 Leagaune, Viva Bella, 12-1 Beresfords Girl, Betty Hayes, Tribal Ruler, 14-1 Woody Will, Silverino, 16-1 Jimstro, Choctaw, 20-1 others.

1993: BERESFORDS GIRL 8-10-7 E Byrne (12-1) P Murphy 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAMMY'S FRIEND beat SILVERINO (5lb better off) 12l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, heavy).
BETTY HAYES 5l 3rd of 8 to Bowl Of Oats in an amateur riders handicap chase at Folkestone (2m 5f, soft).
THE TARTAN SPARTAN beat Gusldway 20l in a 8-runner handicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, heavy). CONCERT PAPER beat River Bounty 25l in a 7-runner, conditional jockeys handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft) with FAST CRUISE (2lb better off) falling 3 out. LEAGAUNE 6l 2nd of 8 to Sam Shorrock in an amateur riders handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft).
VIVA BELLA beat Island Gale 2½l in an 8-runner amateur riders handicap chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
Selection: THE TARTAN SPARTAN

3.30 STONESBY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,990: 3m) (11 runners)

1 1 CORNER BOY 93 (F) (Mrs E Wilson) D Nicholson 7-11-6 A Maguire [89]
2 4-0012 TOTHEWOODS 23 (S) (R Cooper) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-6 C Llewellyn 97
3 6341 VERY LITTLE 37 (D,S) (Plumber Parts Partners) R Alner 6-11-1 S Earle 87
4 834-35 BARNEY RUBBLE 25 (D Whitfans) D Whillans 9-11-0 M Moloney 81
5 4- KILLURA 345 (Mrs J Corbett) K Bailey 6-11-0 N Williamson 98
6 5 NO BATTERY NEEDED 25 (M Clarke) D Geraghty 7-11-0 R Supple —
7 0/R- PHILIPPONNAT 342 (Mrs A Jones) B Palling 8-11-0 C Maude —
8 00320/0 SENNA BLUE 38 (R Pugh) R Pugh 9-11-0 V Slattery —
9 P ANA BLAKE 90 (R Hansway) Mrs A Knight 7-10-9 D Matthews (5) —
10 00002 BLUE LYZANDER 25 (Mrs C Pitt) R Brotherton 5-10-9 D Bridgwater 69
11 32400-P JUST A SECOND 42 (C Drewe) C Drewe 8-10-9 R Dunwoody 98

BETTING: 13-8 Corner Boy, 5-2 Tothewoods, 4-1 Killura, 7-1 Very Little, 14-1 Barney Rubble, 16-1 Just A Second, 20-1 Blue Lyzander, 25-1 others.

1993: GABRIELLA MIA 6-10-9 T Jarvis (12-1) A Jarvis 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CORNER BOY beat Uluru 1½l in a 17-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). TOTHEWOODS 12l 2nd of 13 to Seeon Cash in a novice hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, soft). VERY LITTLE beat Conk Shaft 2l in a 12-runner novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, heavy). KILLURA 16l 4th of 21 to Oats Regrets in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good to soft). BLUE LYZANDER 4l 2nd of 11 to Mobile Messenger in a selling handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: TOTHEWOODS

4.00 DANIEL LAMBERT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,721: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 113P-30 STORMHEAD 73 (F,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 6-11-10 J Osborne 86
2 4122/22 SANSOOL 12 (S) (A Whillans) A Whillans 8-10-10 M Moloney [88]
3 18/3035 RED RING 408 (S) (G Wilson) J Webber 7-10-8 W Marston —
4 2F-U023 ZEALOUS KITTEN 18 (BF,S) (M Oseman) R Price 6-10-7 J McCarthy (5) 94
5 30-P414 SYLVIA BEACH 16 (D,F,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 8-10-5 E Murphy 91
6 3F-6461 IMA DELIGHT 16 (D,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 7-10-5 A Carroll 95
7 440-2FF DAMIER BLANC 9 (B,S) (T Palnbog) M Pipe 5-10-4 R Dunwoody 93
8 11453R MRS MAYHEW 9 (BF,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-10-3 A Maguire 93
9 2PF-PFP HEYFLEET 40 (B,D,F,S) (Heyfleet Partnership) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-0 I Lawrence —
10 0/0P151 MILDRED SOPHIA 28 (S) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 7-10-0 Miss S Mitchell (7) 84

Long handicap: Heyfleet 9-11, Mildred Sophia 8-7.

BETTING: 3-1 Sansool, 7-2 Damier Blanc, 5-1 Zealous Kitten, 11-2 Ima Delight, 13-2 Stormhead, 8-1 Sylvia Beach, Mrs Mayhew, 16-1 Red Ring, 20-1 Heyfleet, 25-1 Mildred Sophia.

1993: CHICHELL'S HURST 7-10-3 A Carroll (100-30) Mrs P Sly 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

STORMHEAD 4l 3rd of 10 to Wee Wizard in a handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 3f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. SANSOOL 2½l 2nd of 11 to Aragon Ayr in a conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 2f, heavy). ZEALOUS KITTEN 5½l 3rd of 7 to Bollin Magdalene in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). SYLVIA BEACH beat Grenagh 3l in a 12-runner conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. IMA DELIGHT beat Djebel Prince neck in a 9-runner conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft) with SYLVIA BEACH (4lb better off) 14l 4th. DAMIER BLANC best recent effort when 4l 2nd of 6 to Calm Hill in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, firm).
Selection: SANSOOL (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
O Sherwood	5	14	35.7	N Williamson	6	31	19.4
M Pipe	21	59	35.6	C Llewellyn	7	37	18.9
B Palling	3	9	33.3	J Osborne	6	32	18.8
J White	3	10	30.0	R Supple	4	22	18.2
N Twiston-Davies	3	11	27.3	W Marston	4	23	17.4
Mrs J Pitman	12	49	24.5	M Richards	3	21	14.3

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Henderson has fine prospect

NICKY Henderson produced Current Express after a near two-year break to beat the odds-on Baydon Star by a head in the Bic Razor Novices' Chase at Kempton on Saturday.

The handsome seven-year-old, making his fencing debut, never put a foot wrong and, although strongly pressed by Baydon Star after going ahead three out, refused to buckle.

Henderson, who is aiming him for the Arkle Guinness Chase at Cheltenham, said: "He had a bit of a leg when we were preparing him last autumn and, as he is too valuable to risk, we put him away again. He is an exciting prospect. If you could build a horse he would look like Current Express."

Nijmegen landed the Bic Razor Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle, going one better than 12 months ago.

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THUNDERER

1.45 Clairification. 2.15 Iota. 2.45 Balmaha. 3.15 Spender. 3.45 Sea Devil. 4.15 Magic Junction.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M 100YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.45 SALMON APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 100yd) (13 runners)

101 (10) -423 AWESTRUCK 2 (B,D,F,G,S) B Preece 4-10-0 S Sanders (3) 92
102 (1) 0-30 ANORAK 7 P Haslam 4-10-0 J Gracey (7) 95
103 (7) 4-13 POP TO STANS 3 (D,F,G) J Pearce 5-9-13 Elizabeth Turner (5) 96
104 (8) 0-21 QUINZII MARTIN 7 (V,C,D,G) D Haydn Jones 6-9-13 (6ex) D Wright 93
105 (3) 0/2- TARDA 93J (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-10 S Copp (5) 94
106 (12) 52-2 CLAIRIFICATION 17 (B,D,S) J Wharton 4-9-8 P McCabe 95
107 (9) 03-0 HARVEST ROSE 10 (D,F) D O'Neill 5-9-7 L Suthern (7) 91
108 (4) 040- GOODY FOUR SHOES 53 (F,S) M Barraclough 5-9-4 N Varley (3) 88
109 (11) -423 HAWAYMYSON 3 (BF) A Stringer 4-9-2 G Parkin (5) [89]
110 (13) 600- SPICE AND SUGAR 84 (S) B Cambidge 4-9-2 A Garth 97
111 (5) 060- ROLY WALLACE 55J (V,D,F) A Forbes 5-9-2 L Newton 93
112 (6) 060/ SPOT THE DOVE 590 R Price 5-9-0 J D Smith (3) —
113 (2) 00-4 WATCH ME GO 13 (D,F) M Dods 5-8-13 K Rutter 95

7-2 Quinzii Martin, 9-2 Tarda, 5-1 Clairification, 6-1 Pop To Stans, 7-1 Awestruck, 8-1 Anorak, Hawaymyson, 12-1 Watch Me Go, 14-1 others.

2.15 MACKEREL CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 1m 6f 166yd) (12)

201 (10) 140/ FIRM PRICE 10J (F) Mrs M Reveley 13-9-7 G Parkin (7) —
202 (9) 200/ MASAI MARA 44J (F,G) T Jones 6-9-3 R Perham —
203 (1) 0-41 CARROLLS MARC 7 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 6-9-1 J Weaver 88
204 (4) 40-2 MALAMUTE SALOON 23 (V,BF,G) M Pipe 8-9-1 D Holland 88
205 (12) 40-5 RISING TEMPO 21 (F,G) B Baugh 6-9-1 S Sanders (5) 85
206 (3) 1-34 IOTA 10 (C,G,S) J Harris 5-9-0 Paul Eddery [89]
207 (5) 50-1 MUST BE MAGICAL 7 (V,C,G) J Mackie 6-8-12 L Dettori 85
208 (11) 300/ LAABAS 18J (S) J Long 11-8-11 D Wright (5) —
209 (6) 000/ FINAL ACE 341J (F) Miss S Wilton 7-8-7 S D Williams —
210 (2) 040/ VISION OF WONDER 67J (F,G) J King 10-8-5 T Quinn —
211 (7) 3 NORDROSS 16J Peacock 6-8-4 C Rutter 74
212 (8) 53-6 ENFANT DU PARADIS 21 (D,BF,G) P Evans 6-8-2 J Quinn 89

11-4 Iota, 3-1 Carrolls Marc, 7-2 Must Be Magical, 7-1 Rising Tempo, 8-1 Firm Price, 10-1 Malamute Saloon, 12-1 Nordross, Enfant Du Paradis, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 4 winners from 9 runners, 44.4%, P Evans, 3 from 15, 20.0%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 5 winners from 18 rides, 27.8%; J Williams, 4 from 19, 21.1%, J Quinn, 4 from 35, 11.4%. Only qualifiers.

2.45 HADDOCK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,646: 7f) (12)

301 (4) 0-0 BAYOU 7 C Booth 9-0 L Charnock 85
302 (9) 0- BLACK DEED 79 P Cundell 9-0 S Whitworth —
303 (3) 320- GREENBACK (V) I Campbell 9-0 D Holland —
304 (7) 0- ICANSPELL 142 T Barron 9-0 J Fanning 70
305 (2) P-33 RAPIER POINT 2 P Haslam 9-0 J Weaver [89]
306 (10) SHAREDFTHEACTION (B,E) M Naughton 9-0 Paul Eddery —
307 (1) 5- ALNIK 85 R Hollinshead 8-9 S Perks 84
308 (8) 0-6 BALMAHA 16 T Haggas 8-9 J Williams 98
309 (5) 4-0 CRANFIELD CRACKER 13 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 L Dettori 82
310 (11) ETHEL EMMA (B) B Meehan 8-9 T Quinn —
311 (12) 0- FOOLS TREASURE 88 P McBride 8-9 G Bardwell 88
312 (6) 500- HARLEQUIN WALK 58 G Eden 8-9 J Quinn 87

3-1 Rapier Point, 4-1 Cranfield Cracker, Balmaha, 11-2 Alnik, 8-1 others.

3.15 SURPRISE SURPRISE HANDICAP (£3,348: 5f) (11)

401 (7) 4-31 CROFT IMPERIAL 14 (CD,F,G,S) M Johnston 7-10-0 J Weaver 97
402 (11) 026- SIR TASKER 24 (CD,F,G) J Harris 6-9-11 L Dettori 96
403 (10) 4-60 VERY DICEY 2 (D,F,G) J Berry 6-9-9 Ruth Coulter (7) 97
404 (8) 300- DAANIERA 24 (B,D,F,G) P Howling 4-9-6 D Biggs 98
405 (9) 0-56 PALLIUM 6 (B,E,CD,F,G) M Naughton 6-9-5 Paul Eddery 97
406 (3) 012- PHONEAHOLIC 28 (B,D,G) B Meehan 3-9-3 L Suthern (7) 93
407 (1) 131- SPENDER 63 (D,G) P Harris 5-8-12 J O'Dwyer (7) 96
408 (5) 0-23 PAGEBOY 2 (B,D,F) P Haslam 5-8-10 J Quinn 97
409 (6) -304 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 7 (B,D,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-9 A Garth (5) 98
410 (2) 0-05 DAYJUZ 14 (V,D,F) M Dods 4-8-7 S Webster 90
411 (4) -003 FARNDALE 7 B Morgan 7-7-7 G Bardwell [89]

5-2 Croft Imperial, 7-2 Spender, 5-1 Pageboy, 6-1 Phoneaholic, 8-1 others

3.45 BREAM CLAIMING STAKES (£3,002: 6f) (9)

501 (7) 13-1 SEA DEVIL 23 (D,F,G,S) M Camacho 8-9-3 L Charnock [89]
502 (4) 300- THE SHARP BIDDER 81 (D,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-3 L Detton 88
503 (3) 1 JON'S CHOICE 16 (C,G) B Preece 6-9-0 T Wall 84
504 (8) 000- SOBA GUEST 58 (V,C,D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-13 Emma O'Gorman (3) 86
505 (8) 1-23 ASSIGNMENT 2 (CD,F,G) J Fitch-Heyes 8-8-9 T Williams 91
506 (1) 5-54 SO SUPERB 14 (B,S) M Dods 5-8-7 Dale Gibson 84
507 (5) 000- SURE SHOT NORMAN 238 G Jones 5-8-5 J Williams 55
508 (9) -006 OPEN AGENDA 7 K White 5-8-3 N Varley (7) 79
509 (2) 000- FOREST FLYER 278 M Eckley 4-7-10 N Adams —

7-4 Sea Devil, 7-2 Assignment, 6-1 So Superb, The Sharp Bidder, 8-1 others.

4.15 TROUT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,795: 1m 100yd) (5)

601 (2) 04-1 MAGIC JUNCTION 21 (CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 9-7 L Dettori 95
602 (4) -223 KILLING TIME 2 (V) A Forbes 8-11 S D Williams [89]
603 (1) 43-3 DRAGON MAN 14 P Haslam 8-11 J Weaver 97
604 (3) 56-2 DAME PROSPECT 17 (V) J Glover 8-9 T Williams 92
605 (5) 063- MR MORIARTY 72 A Forbes 8-6 L Newton (5) 91

6-4 Magic Junction, 7-2 Dragon Man, 4-1 Killing Time, 6-1 others

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: soft, good to soft in places

1.00 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, Simpson (T Grantham, 14-1), 2, Avro Anson (7-2), 3, Sweet Duke (11-10 fav). 8 ran. NR: Peatswood. 3½l, sh hd. J Old. Tote: £15.30; £2.20, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £76.80. Trio: £53.70. CSF: £61.20.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Flakey Dove (R Dunwoody, 9-2), 2, Tiananmen Square (11-10 fav), 3, Sybillin (11-8). 5 ran. 20l, 12l. R Price. Tote: £5.30; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £9.83.

2.00 (3m ch) 1, Zeta's Lad (R Supple, 5-1); 2, Run For Free (5-2), 3, Jodami (8-4 fav). 6 ran. Hd, 2l. J Upson. Tote: £6.30; £3.30, £1.60. DF: £5.60. CSF: £16.83.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Your Well (B Clifford, 11-4); 2, Nickle Joe (9-2); 3, Mr Flanagan (100-30). Countorus 9-4 fav. 6 ran. 3l, 7l. J White. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £11.20. CSF: £15.20.

3.00 (2m ch) 1, Good For A Laugh (J Burke, 6-4); 2, Clay County (4-5 fav). 3 ran. 1l. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.96.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Pondering (R Dunwoody, 1-2 fav); 2, Kenilworth Lad (4-1), 3, Flapjack Lad (9-2). 5 ran. 15l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.18.

Placepot: £33.80.

Kempton Park

12.45 1, Corrouge (5-6 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Top Spin (11-2); 3, Mad Thyme (14-1). 14 ran. NR: Seekin Cash.

1.15 1, Monsieur Le Cure (11-8 fav), 2, Ghia Gneuiagh (5-1); 3, Medlene (14-1). 11 ran.

1.45 1, Meditator (7-2 fav), 2, Fox Chapel (4-1); 3, Beauchamp Grace (13-2). 10 ran.

2.15 1, Uncle Ell (10-1); 2, Rough Quest (16-1); 3, Bibendum (9-2 fav). 11 ran.

2.45 1, Nijmegen (5-1), 2, High Baron (4-1 jt-fav), 3, Fazack (4-1 jt-fav). 10 ran.

3.15 1, Current Express (5-2), 2, Baydon Star (4-5 fav). 3, Big Beat (7-2). 5 ran.

3.45 1, Domine (16-1), 2, Beatson (7-1). 3, Bass Rock (14-1). Ace Player 5-2 fav. 22 ran.

Jackpot: £8,161.60. Placepot: £14.70.

Catterick Bridge

1.10 1, Seon (5-1 fav). 2, Golden Isle (6-1). 3, Keth (8-1). 12 ran.

1.40 1, Scotton Banks (4-11 fav). 2, Ninia (17-2). 3, Trevveethan (14-1). 12 ran.

2.10 1, The Malikin (8-1); 2, The Metcombe Oak (3-1); 3, Moulton Bull (5-1). Heavenly Citizen 11-4 fav. 11 ran.

2.40 1, Run Of Weld (10-1), 2, Flash Of Realm (4-1 fav), 3, Greenacres Lad (9-2). 15 ran.

3.10 1, Military Honour (9-2). 2, Seldine (7-4), 3, Pressure Game (8-1). Rather Sharp 13-8 fav. 5 ran.

3.40 1, Noddle (5-4 fav). 2, Rustino (14-1), 3, Integrity Boy (14-1). 4, Miss Caputel (20-1). 17 ran. NR: Hunting Country.

Market Rasen

1.05 1, Howaryadoon (5-2 fav); 2, Precious Run (11-4); 3, Extra Special (25-1). 8 ran. NR: Impeccable Timing.

1.35 1, Absolutley Foxed (11-2). 2, Bitran (11-8 fav), 3, Whatcomesnaturally (10-1). 8 ran.

2.05 1, Boston Rover (11-2). 2, Rupples (11-1); 3, Favoured Victor (10-1). Terrible Gel 9-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Trubion.

2.35 1, Bollin Magdalene (11-8 fav). 2, Furry Baby (4-1), 3, Icabeau (5-1). 9 ran.

3.05 1, Threeoutoffour (10-11 fav); 2, Baltic Brown (7-1); 3, Congregation (3-1). 5 ran.

3.35 1, Rusty Reel (16-1), 2, Abjar (3-1), 3, Ballon (8-11 fav). 11 ran. NR: Don't Jump, Mer Tyko.

4.05 1, Who Sir (20-1), 2, Northern Square (2-1 fav); 3, Strathbogie Mist (10-1). 12 ran.

Lingfield Park

12.55 1, Don't Drop Bombs (7-2 jt-fav); 2, Smocking (14-1), 3, Run High (20-1). Dancing Diamond 7-2 jt-fav. 13 ran.

1.25 1, Respectable Jones (10-1); 2, Julien Bravo (13-2), 3, Assignment (7-4 fav). 10 ran.

1.55 1, Dune River (11-2). 2, Can Can Charlie (3-1 fav); 3, Island Knight (11-2). 10 ran.

2.25 1, View From Above (12-1); 2, Sylvan Sabre (11-1), 3, Dashing Fellow (7-4 fav). 8 ran.

2.55 1, Thorny Bishop (3-1); 2, Monsieur Petong (11-4 fav); 3 Granmas Delight (6-1). 9 ran.

3.25 1, Caspian Gold (5-2); 2, Milos (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Chantelys (5-1). Dancing Clown 9-4 jt-fav. 8 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Lady Broker (7-2 fav); 2, Maple Bay (6-1), 3, Bottling Bella (6-1). 11 ran.

7.25 1, Scottish Park (4-1); 2, Cobbs Cross (33-1). 3, Awestruck (11-2). Saltyng 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Water Diviner.

7.50 1, Floral Spark (4-6 fav), 2, Arkady (3-1), 3, Rapier Point (5-2). 4 ran.

8.20 1, Bold Street (7-1); 2, Rocky Waters (9-1), 3, Pageboy (11-2). Agwa 7-2 fav. 10 ran.

8.50 1, Lone Risk (7-2); 2, Mr Devious (7-1). 3, Killing Time (7-4 fav). 7 ran.

9.20 1, Hillzah (7-2 fav); 2, Mad Militant (6-1); 3, White Willow (5-1). 11 ran.

Blinkered first time

WOLVERHAMPTON: 2.45 Ethel Emma, Greenback, Sharedtheaction. 3.15 Pallium. 3.45 Soba Guest. 4.15 Killing Time

JUMP LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
Mrs M Reveley	57	49	30	3	-10.81
M Pipe	54	46	23	1	-71.65
K Bailey	47	32	25	10	-0.53
N Twiston-Davies	43	30	28	1	-40.81
D Nicholson	41	35	22	8	+1.34
P Hobbs	35	20	23	4	+103.96
J White	33	20	22	1	-47.62
J Johnson	27	12	8	16	+101.51
O Sherwood	27	18	15	22	+9.79
J Gifford	24	27	14	2	-5.14

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	112	95	58	26	+29.25
R Dunwoody	87	82	61	0	-85.39
J Osborne	63	45	38	0	-45.28
P Niven	54	47	29	3	-49.64
N Williamson	52	60	38	0	-62.62
G McCourt	41	33	25	10	-15.37
M A Fitzgerald	40	32	42	1	-68.36
D Murphy	33	31	23	6	-11.14
L Wyer	31	19	29	2	+27.19
G Bradley	29	10	16	14	-5.68

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Le Tissier's command performance thrives on simple script


Ball: commitment

Man management. It remains one of the eternal talking points of football. It is a matter that turns on the relationship between the powerless but responsible manager, and the people who actually win and lose football matches. The players, lest we forget.

Each football manager rules over a little Ruritanian kingdom: perhaps with the trappings of democracy, perhaps benevolent and paternal, perhaps aloof and tyrannical: but always with the same little twist in the whole business. He is master of his kingdom, but not of his own fate. That is a matter for his subjects to decide. And if the crops fail, the king must die.

The relationship of a man's style as player, and his style when he grows up (or at least older) and turns to management, is another of the game's permanent discussion points.

Some managers want above all to see their own playing virtues brought back to life by the men they control. Alan Ball, after 48 hours as the manager of Southampton, arrived at Newcastle United with a rejigged side and every man of them played as if he were Bally in extra time in the 1966 World Cup final.

The work-rate and commitment went above the level of solid professional virtue and became a form of dementia. The infection of Ball's urgent personality, and the wave of pick-me-boss enthusiasm that sweeps through any club with a new king meant Southampton were good value on Saturday for their win at St James' Park, which has become one of the most feared grounds in football.

Though come to think of it, there was one fellow out there, wearing Southampton's hideous blue away strip, who did not seem to be trying to play like Ball. He did not cover every blade of grass. If he was



Simon Barnes sees Southampton achieve a 2-1 victory at Newcastle and says their leading man's talent should not be stifled

affected by any form of dementia, it was not of the running about sort.

Bonjour, then, to Mark Le Tissier, footballer énigmatique and managerial cauchemar. He hardly had a kick in the second half, though he did try to chip the Newcastle goalkeeper, Hooper, from the halfway line.

In fact, just about the only thing Le Tissier did was to lope the entire length of the pitch with the ball at his feet. A deceptive mover with a big stride, he just kept going past people in a way that seemed to amuse him. By the time he got to the edge of the penalty area, the opposition thought somebody really ought to stop him. So Robinson kicked him. It was an irrational response forced by an extraordinary situation.

Le Tissier took the free kick himself. Nothing fancy about it, no extravagant curl and dip. Just very, very straight. Goal, victory.

The game had a nice dramatic shape. Early goal for the visiting Southampton, Maddison, header from a Le Tissier corner; equaliser from, obviously, Cole, just before half-time. Half an hour of crushing Newcastle pressure, but the goal refused to come, and a late goal on the break looked increasingly likely. All it needed was a touch or two beyond the common run of things.

Ball's reaction to all this was predictable. He was pleased with all his team, less pleased with Le Tissier. "We have a lot of work to do on other parts of his game, to make him a complete player. If he is prepared to take notice and work on those parts of his game — we've got a star on our hands."

Ball has no plans to teach all his other players to make 60-yard match-winning runs. He is not about to dragoon his run-of-the-mill players into fits of unpredictable genius. But he wants Le Tisser to tackle back and mark tight at corners and assume all those humdrum virtues that you take for granted in humdrum players.

Probably the main thing that stops Le Tissier from being a star is playing for Southampton. Relegation battles are seldom the platform for stellar performances.

Ball wants to turn his David Gower into an Alec Stewart; have you noticed that nobody has ever tried to turn an Alec Stewart into a David Gower? Perhaps we should run a book on the likeliest outcome: 5-2 *Le Tissier* leaves Southampton; 5-1 Ball involuntarily beats him to it; 100-1 Le Tissier listens, does what he is told and is spoilt; 1,000-1 Ball turns Le Tissier into Pelé.

Ball has a player out of the common run. Some managers would not pick him. Others, perhaps most, would give him a peripheral role, minimise potential disruption and hope for the occasional flicker of brilliance. Some would play him in a totally inappropriate fashion, it being vital for the manager to be seen to swamp the personality of the player.

One or two would have the vision and the courage to build a team around him. To put faith in uncommon talent. *That* is how you create a star. Give *him* the stage.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): M Hooper — M Robinson, B Venison, S Howey, J Beresford — R Lee, P Bracewell, L Clark, S Sellars — A Cole, P Beardsley.
SOUTHAMPTON (5-3-2): D Beasant — J Kenna, K Monkou, K Moore, S Wood, S Charlton — M Le Tissier, N Maddison, P Allen — I Dowie, N Berger.
Referee: A Gunn.

Old Trafford united in respect for Busby before match true to his example

Giggs leads celebration of glorious tradition

Manchester United..... 1
Everton..... 0

By David Miller

WHETHER or not you knew him, Sir Matt Busby somehow made you feel good inside. Kind, avuncular, always smiling. For 25 years his teams made much of sporting England feel especially good. On Saturday, Manchester United were, in the truest Busby tradition, spellbindingly entertaining in their one-goal defeat of unfortunate Everton.

It could and should have been five or six, reminiscent of those glorious seasons long ago when Edwards and Charlton were almost boys, and later, following tragedy, when Law and Best were hurtling meteors. Now, it was a Frenchman, a Welshman and a Ukrainian perpetuating the international vision that inspired and distinguished the era of the great man.

How often can you go to football today and find fantasy, sit enchanted by Pelé's "beautiful game". There was beauty and joyous attack and happiness, rather than grief at Old Trafford on Saturday. Just as Sir Matt always wanted, there was celebration of the game's glories, rather than mourning, the way his daughter, Sheena, had asked it should be.

We saw football as it is meant to be, nowadays too much forgotten but never in his time by the man who inspired three generations as player, manager and, above all, as leader. It was an eloquent tribute that most of the players lowered their heads in respect during the minute's silence preceding the match.

Busby was a benign friend, almost a father, to all in football, directly or indirectly. On this day, it was 38 years since my first visit to Old Trafford as a tyro reporter from *The Times*. A request to buy a ticket for my wife was met by a complimentary seat and two tea tickets. Hundreds will tell you similar stories.

And the thousands who never had the privilege of meeting or knowing him were still moved by his magnetism. They came on Saturday in their thousands, many with no expectation of being able to see the match; just to pay silent acknowledgement to someone who had touched their lives. Men, old and young, to whom he and his teams have meant excitement and adventure, laid a scarf or memento beneath the Munich memorial clock. Women, some old enough to have borne sons who fulfilled every boy's dream of being given a trial by him, brought flowers.

When a lone piper led out the teams to the plaintive strains of *A Scottish Soldier*, the 44,750 people present, those from Merseyside included, stood as silent as a tomb while reflecting on the empty seat in the front row of the directors' box. Then the fun began to a roar of appreciation, for the past and for the present.

Ever since Busby took charge of Old Trafford after the war, United have illuminated football by playing with two wingers: Delaney and Mitten, Berry and Scanlon or Pegg, Giles and Charlton. Best and Aston, Coppell and Hill ... and now Giggs and Kanchelskis or Sharpe. If Cantona was the focal point of the destruction inflicted upon Everton's rearguard. Giggs — who scored the only goal, with his head — provided the avenues of initial assault.

The wings will always be the area offering what is so scarce in modern football — space. The empty triangle behind any full back, between the corner flag and where the penalty area meets the goal line, remains as inviting for exploitation as it did 20 or 30 years ago. Giggs and Kanchelskis, with their respective guile and pace, now splendidly took advantage.

In the first few minutes Jackson hungrily slid Giggs to the ground, but it was one of the few times he would touch him on an afternoon when the slim winger looked priceless. Yet in the eleventh minute Everton, who commendably attempted to play constructive football, might have taken the lead.

Bruce was caught off guard by a high ball, Cottee burst past him and Schmeichel turned his drive round the post. From the corner, Angell headed hard and Schmeichel made an outstanding save.

Though Everton pulled ten or 11 men behind the ball, United began to take charge. Southall saved superbly from Cantona's header and, after half an hour, Giggs scored. Keane, tirelessly dominant, veered right, hooked an early cross and there was Giggs in front of goal to glance the ball into the left-hand corner.

There was stalemate for a while after half-time, but on the hour United took charge again. Keane rasped a 20-yard drive over the bar and now came the most sublime moment of the match. Giggs's floating, dipping cross was taken by Cantona on his chest while he swivelled through 270 degrees. As the ball fell, he struck it on the half-volley, only to see the shot rebound from the post. In the next moment Kanchelskis crashed the ball against the crossbar. In the remaining quarter of an hour United attacked ceaselessly. Kanchelskis, Cantona three times and Giggs all bringing the crowd to their feet. It was wonderful stuff to revive memories of a wonderful man.


Southall, the Everton goalkeeper, is grounded as Giggs receives congratulations on scoring. Photograph: Marc Aspland

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — P Ince, R Keane, A Kanchelskis, E Cantona — M Hughes, R Giggs.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, N Moore, I Snodin, G Ablett — R Warzycha (sub: A Hinchcliffe, 80min), J Ebrell, G Stuart, P Beagrie — B Angell, A Cottee (sub: S Barlow, 45).
Referee: R Gifford.

Tottenham counting the cost of becoming spent force

Swindon Town..... 2
Tottenham Hotspur..... 1

By Keith Pike

SHREWD, spectacularly successful businessman that he is, Alan Sugar will know a bottom line when he sees one. The one in front of the Tottenham chairman this morning says starkly: buy, quickly and in bulk, or face a football disaster.

It would be wonderfully ironic if Sugar, having bartered with the Football Association — "You can have Terry Venables as England manager providing Tottenham are given a clean bill of health" — were now to see his club relegated, not because of previous financial misdemeanours but simply because the team was not up to scratch.

On form, there is no poorer team in the FA Carling Premiership. Four successive defeats and just two victories in 17 league games, are statistics that reveal the extent of Tottenham's tribulations. On Saturday the Premiership's bottom club might have beaten them by a humiliating margin.

It is evidence that Osvaldo Ardiles, growing ever more edgy with each defeat, was planning to use at a meeting with Sugar yesterday. Ardiles believes his chances of persuading Sugar to back his manager's judgment with extra cash were "high".

He had better be right. At the moment, Ardiles's hands are tied. His team cannot compete on the field, yet he cannot compete in the transfer market.

Sugar, meanwhile, is sticking to his guns. No panic buying, *no quick fixes*. "Do serious fans really want to see the club at the door of the official receiver in a couple of years?" he asked. But neither do they want to be planning away-days to Stockport County next season. Relegation, in Ardiles's words, would be "absolutely disastrous".

Tottenham, though, may not have to spend heavily to halt their slide. At the County Ground, Brian Kilcline, a £90,000 signing from Newcastle United, enjoyed an outstanding debut for Swindon. How Tottenham, whose own best player during their recent dismal run has been Hazard, who cost just £50,000, could do with a player of Kilcline's commitment.

Hazard was out injured on Saturday, along with Sheringham, Mabbutt, Dozzell and Howells. Thorstvedt, taken off on a stretcher with suspected ligament damage, and Anderton, with a calf injury, were to join them before half-time. "The problems are piling up dramatically," Ardiles said.

Tottenham's problems tended to overshadow a splendid performance by Swindon. Thorstvedt, on the field for just 21 minutes, made three good saves in that period, saw Austin clear off the line and Ling hit the bar.

Barmby poached an outrageous lead for Tottenham but Walker, Thorstvedt's replacement, remained much the busier goalkeeper. Fjortoft, his proposed loan to Lillestrom now abandoned, equalised cleverly before half-time, and Whitbread's first goal of the season, ten minutes from time, secured Swindon's third league win of the season.

SWINDON TOWN (3-4-1-2): N Hammond — A Whitbread, B Kilcline, S Taylor — R Summerbee, M Ling (sub: P Bodin 62min), L Nijholt, K Horlock — J Mondor — A Mutch (sub: K Scott 74), J Fjortoft.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-3-2): E Thorstvedt (sub: I Walker 21) — D Austin, C Calderwood, S Nethercott, J Edinburgh — V Samways — D Anderton (sub: S Campbell 41), S Sedgley, D Caskey — N Barmby, P Mahorn.
Referee: P Durkin.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	27	64	+31	WDDWW
2	Blackburn	25	51	+16	DWWWW
3	Arsenal	27	46	+17	WWDDD
4	Newcastle	26	45	+20	LWWWL
5	Liverpool	26	43	+12	DWDWW
6	Leeds	26	43	+11	DDDDL
7	Sheffield Wed	27	40	+13	DWWLW
8	QPR	26	39	+7	DLDLW
9	Norwich	24	38	+10	WLWLD
10	Aston Villa	25	38	+3	LWLWD
11	West Ham	26	34	-10	DLWDL
12	Wimbledon	25	33	-6	LDLWD
13	Ipswich	25	32	-5	WDLDD
14	Coventry	25	31	-3	WWDLL
15	Tottenham	27	31	+1	WLLLL
16	Everton	27	28	-10	LLLWL
17	Chelsea	25	26	-7	WWWDD
18	Southampton	26	24	-11	WDLWW
19	Sheffield Utd	27	22	-20	LWDLL
20	Manchester City	25	21	-11	LDLDL
21	Oldham	26	20	-25	LLLLD
22	Swindon	27	19	-33	DLDLW

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Bassett losing struggle to keep up with neighbours

Sheffield Wednesday..... 3
Sheffield United..... 1

By Russell Kempson

DAVE Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, is to take his players to the United Arab Emirates for a week of sun, sand, sea and stimulation. With no first-team match until February 12, he will use the mid-season break to galvanise his troops for the battle brewing back home. Lack of goals means lack of points means relegation.

While soaking up the rays amid the oil-rich opulence, he might well reflect on the home-from-home similarities. Alain FC, United's Arabian hosts, will offer state-of-the-art hospitality, funded by the black gold that courses beneath the desert.

In Sheffield, three miles away from Bramall Lane, fat cats Sheffield Wednesday cast an equally princely and ever lengthening shadow over all Bassett tries to achieve.

"Poor relations?" the latest issue of *Cheat*, a Wednesday fanzine, asks. "Relations, nay. But poor, certainly. Poor ground, poor team, poor support, poor quality of football, poor little shoelace tie-up collars on their shirts. Poor little United."

Patronising maybe, but the article, headed "Laugh at thy neighbour" and its sneering tone is more than just parochial baiting. It illustrates the superiority complex felt by many a Wednesday supporter.

Trevor Francis, their manager, can indulge in transfer auctions, well into seven figures, for the best available talent. Bassett breaks the bank if he has to go past £500,000 and depends on other clubs' cast-offs or the upgrading of non-League triers.

United are never short on spirit though, and Sheffield's 98th league derby at Hillsborough on Saturday gave them a chance to vent their spleens.

Try to forget the moronic chanting of a section of their followers during the pre-match silence in memory of Sir Matt Busby, for 57 minutes United competed vigorously as Wednesday's aristocrats wriggled and wobbled.

It was not pretty. Bodies darted in all directions but minds concentrated more on getting rid of the ball than cherishing it. "There was time to look up and pass but none of my players seemed to realise it" Francis said.

Then, United collapsed. "We had a mad few minutes, typical," Bassett said. Goals from Bright, his fifteenth of the season, Pearce and Watson extended Wednesday's run to just two defeats in 24 games. Whitehouse's late penalty was only United's seventh goal in 18 matches.

Further ammunition for the gloating Wednesday faithful: more misery for United. The rich get richer, the poor get poorer. Nothing changes.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-2-4): K Pressman — R Nilsson, D Walker, A Pearce, S Coleman — C Palmer, G Hyde — A Sinton (sub: C Bart-Williams 84), G Watson, M Bright, R Jonas.
SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — C Bradshaw, D Tuttle, J Hoyland (sub: R Nilsen 85), P Beesley — M Ward, C Kamara, G Hodges, D Whitehouse — J Flo, A Scott.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd)

Chelsea benefit from Villa's complacency

Chelsea..... 1
Aston Villa..... 1

By Peter Robinson

CHELSEA, as their manager, Glenn Hoddle, admits, are still learning the finer points of the tactical system he is introducing at Stamford Bridge. It is taking time. Chelsea are by no means the finished article but they are gradually improving.

Nevertheless, Chelsea were lucky to walk away with a draw. They spent many a minute chasing shadows and charging up blind alleys. They were, at times, outclassed.

Most important of all, though, they were taught several lessons by Aston Villa, lessons in timing runs, delivering passes and making space, all a little embarrassing. While Chelsea are still developing, Villa are a team of seen-it-alls, done-it-alls. Villa are *prima facie* evidence that there is no substitute for experience. They played three in midfield on Saturday, Houghton, Richardson and Townsend, all 30 or more.

Unlike Chelsea, most of the Villa side, including McGrath, Staunton, Daley, Saunders and Atkinson, have enjoyed success at the top level: League championship and cup medals, international caps and World Cup campaigns.

In the first half, especially, Villa were a model of economy. As Chelsea worked, so they waited, content to concede possession and counter when they could. After 45 minutes, Chelsea had yet to shoot on target and could do nothing when Saunders did after 39 minutes, completing a break by Daley. But for Kharine and the crossbar, Houghton and Townsend would have made it 3-0. It looked almost easy from the sidelines and Villa obviously thought so too, relaxing after the break-and-allowing Stein to poach an equaliser — his sixth goal in successive FA Carling Premiership games, to equal a record.

CHELSEA (4-4-2): D Kharine — S Clarke, F Sinclair, E Johnsen, A Dow (sub: M Donaghy, 81min) — C Burley, N Spackman, G Peacock, D Hopkin — M Stein, N Shipperley (sub: J Spencer 76).
ASTON VILLA (4-3-3): M Bosnich — E Barrett, P McGrath, S Teale, S Staunton — R Houghton, K Richardson, A Townsend — D Saunders, D Atkinson, A Daley.
Referee: G Poll.

Comfort for England in playing host to Europe

By Rob Hughes, Football Correspondent

IN THE quiet of Saturday, the value of football to British culture could be appreciated anew. There was the silence after the lone piper's tune at Old Trafford, during which Europeans from 50 nations shared the depth of English feeling towards Sir Matt Busby, the Scotsman who had shown the way to play with style.

Two hours before that, in the quiet of a television studio, Lennart Johansson, the Uefa president, had explicitly said why the 1996 European championship was to be played in eight cities in England. "We felt it was time to bring the event back to the motherland," he said.

The motherland. It is a long time since the English have felt pride in that, for there has been shame in transmitting the hooligan disease which has eroded the appreciation of British football abroad. For once, there was a younger voice representing the Football Association, that of Glen Kirton, director of Euro '96, and the administrator who had done much to persuade Europe of England's readiness to stage its first important football tournament in 30 years.

Imagine what it meant for Kirton to go abroad and talk of the safety and the refurbished splendour of grounds in Manchester, Leeds, Nottingham, Newcastle, Liverpool, Sheffield, and Birmingham — and Wembley as the jewel in the crown. And at Manchester United on Saturday, the first thing the overseas visitors enjoyed was the closeness of spectators to the field, the absence of fencing and of police weaponry.

So, it is the civility of England, after all, that attracts Europeans. That and the question of currency. England expects to sell 1.4 million tickets for the 31 games in 1996 and Kirton was able to project a profit of £5 million.

Money is close to the hearts of football administrators. It was on everyone's lips as the draw unfolded. "Our commercial manager is tearing his hair out," the Scotland manager, Craig Brown, said. "But it is a good, positive draw, one from which we can qualify if we get our game right."

That, the Scots will have to do. The Russians and the Greeks qualified easily for the World Cup finals and Brown correctly asserts that nobody should underestimate the strength, athleticism, and organisation of Finland.

And from the Welsh, the response is mercenary and tough. "The income from the German games should give us the money to buy a new atlas," Alun Evans, the Welsh FA secretary, observed. But Wales, who beat Germany memorably at Cardiff in the last European qualifying tournament, have another forbidding opponent, Bulgaria.

Then there are the two Irelands wondering aloud what they have done to deserve being drawn, as in the World Cup qualifiers, against one another. Billy Bingham, the retiring Northern Ireland manager, lamented that Uefa had not kept them apart.

The French find themselves not only faced with tough opposition from Romania and Poland, but with a return against Israel, whose astonishing victory at Parc des Princes effectively destroyed France's World Cup hopes.

The political changes in Europe involving the states of the former Soviet bloc dawned most heavily on Italy, who were handed journeys into uncharted territory across east and central Europe. But Italy would be foolish to discard the chances of their opponents. Croatia have 16 internationals in overseas football, including Boksic, Boban and Prosinecki.

It comes back to quality, to playing ability. At the beginning of the draw, Bobby Charlton, a favoured son of Sir Matt, had measured his tribute with the same precision as one of his passes. "If there is a legacy from Sir Matt," Charlton said, "it would be that he lived to see football in a positive, attacking style." After the lone piper, after a silence observed from Pittodrie to Plymouth, the match at Old Trafford was performed in the Busby way.

DRAW

GROUP ONE: France, Romania, Poland, Israel, Slovakia, Azerbaijan
GROUP TWO: Denmark, Spain, Belgium, Macedonia, Cyprus, Armenia.
GROUP THREE: Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary, Iceland, Turkey.
GROUP FOUR: Italy, Ukraine, Croatia, Lithuania, Estonia, Slovenia.
GROUP FIVE: Holland, Norway, Czech Republic, Belarus, Malta, Luxembourg.
GROUP SIX: Ireland, Portugal, Northern Ireland, Austria, Latvia, Leichtenstein.
GROUP SEVEN: Germany, Wales, Bulgaria, Georgia, Albania, Moldova.
GROUP EIGHT: Russia, Greece, Scotland, Finland, Faeroe Islands, San Marino.

Group winners and the six best runners-up join England, the hosts, in the 1996 finals. The last of 16 places goes to the winners of a play-off between the other runners-up and the runners-up in the five-team group

Tangerine dream colours future

Peter Ball goes back to Blackpool and hears of ambitious plans to restore faded glories

If you couldn't be at Old Trafford, Bloomfield Road was not a bad place to honour Sir Matt Busby on Saturday. In 1956, when his greatest Manchester United team was moving towards its first championship, their closest pursuers were the tangerine shirts of Blackpool.

Wherever you look, Bloomfield Road is a monument to those days. The stands have hardly changed, while the press room is a museum, the fading photographs and yellowing cartoons recalling the days of Matthews, Mortensen and Johnston.

The crowd too, at least on Saturday, was more like those of a bygone age, cheering both teams on to the field, and off again at the end in high good humour after seeing Blackpool draw 1-1 with Swansea City and gain their first point in eight Endsleigh League second division games, thanks to a splendid curling shot by Andy Gouck.

Not even a late, and well deserved, Swansea equaliser after the impressive Bowen and Rush combined, spoilt their mood. Getting in free had obviously helped.

The spectators also knew how to observe the niceties. A minute's silent tribute can be hugely embarrassing, a hasty 30 seconds punctuated by individual yells and, sometimes, chants. At Blackpool, the silence lasted a full minute. It was broken only by the sound of a baby crying and a colleague coughing.

Nowadays, United and Blackpool inhabit different worlds, let alone different leagues. While United packed in a full house of 44,500, Bloomfield Road's capacity has been cut to 9,000. Part of the Spion Kop, once packed solid with swaying spectators as Matthews weaved his magic, Ernie Taylor probed and Mortensen and Perry crashed fearlessly forward, now houses only advertising hoardings.

On a really big day, United can take £250,000 in their souvenir shop. On Saturday Blackpool could not even fill the ground by giving tickets away. They are losing £7,000 on every home game. In all, Owen Oyston, their flamboyant chairman, estimates that he has spent £2.8 million of his personal fortune keeping the club afloat.

But he still has dreams of seeing it restored to full health and even, like neighbouring Blackburn Rovers, challenging the big city clubs once again. It sounds unlikely, but a week today the town council meets to discuss planning permission for a new stadium, the International Coliseum, a multi-purpose, 20,000-seat arena, with luxury hotel and leisure complex attached, which Oyston and his directors believe holds the key to the club's future.

In Blackpool, it just might work. "Nearly 18 million people each year visit Blackpool," Billy Bingham, the former Northern Ireland manager, now a Blackpool director, said. "The question is how do you tap into that?

"This will be a place where you can put on Pavarotti and house 20,000 people, or stage a major pop concert, a boxing match or a special orchestra: and that will support the football team. It's a great concept, and it suits Blackpool."

BLACKPOOL (4-4-2): S McIlhargey — M Davies (sub: A Gouck, 47min), I Gore, G Briggs, M Cook — A Rodwell, P Horner, K Sheedy, B Griffiths — D Robinson, D Bamber.
SWANSEA CITY (4-4-2): R Freestone — S Jenkins, J Ford, M Harris, M Clode — J Bowen, C Pascoe, S Chapple, M Hayes (sub: J Moore, 80) — M Rush, S Torpey.
Referee: E Lomas.



Empty terracing beneath the shadow of the Tower. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Wolves tamed but Forest lack ideas

Nottingham Forest 0
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0

By Keith Pike

PEDIGREE and purchasing power are gradually beginning to make their presence felt in the race for a place in the Premiership, and a goalless draw at the City Ground yesterday helped maintain the impressive momentum these teams have built up in the last three months.

Forest, beaten once in 16 matches, stay sixth in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division and Wolves — one defeat now in 20 — move up a place to eighth.

Both could have won a match that meandered prettily but rather aimlessly for an hour until igniting. Then Forest, through Glover, and Wolves, via Kelly, hit the woodwork, and good chances were squandered at either end.

Forest have become so dependent on Collymore's goals — 19 in 25 games this season — that his continued absence with a hamstring injury will worry them. Yesterday he was missing his fourth successive match, and it was not until Gary Bull was introduced as a partner for Glover that they threatened to capitalise on some typically neat approach work.

Forest's style is best suited to the counter-attack. Wolves sat back and let Forest run at them as the home side repeatedly ran out of inspiration on the edge of the area. Stowell, in the Wolves goal, went untroubled for long periods.

After Glover had turned Shirtliff cleverly to shoot against the far upright in the 71st minute. Gary Bull found Woan with the pass of the day, only for Stowell to block bravely at his feet. But by now it was the more celebrated Bull, Steve — his second cousin — who was threatening to win the match for Wolves.

Mistakes by Chettle and Cooper twice let the former England forward in, and each time Crossley responded superbly. The Forest goalkeeper was also credited with getting his fingertips to Kelly's near-post volley that skimmed his crossbar.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-5-1): M Crossley — D Phillips, S Chettle, C Cooper, S Pearce — S Stone, L Bohinen (sub: G Bull, 68min), N Webb, S Gemmill, I Woan — L Glover.
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — P Blades, P Shirtliff, M Venus — M Rankine, K Keen, D Ferguson, C Marsden, A Thompson — D Kelly, S Bull.
Referee: I Hemley

International talent needs wider criteria for selection

At a time when Scottish football needs to manufacture fresh drama, a trip to a television studio sounded promising. Instead the European championship draw at Manchester's Granada headquarters on Saturday handed Scotland a dud script full of obscure characters.

The company of Russia, Greece, Finland, the Faeroe Islands and San Marino in group eight gives Craig Brown's side a fair chance of qualification but fails to provide the programme to prompt a revival of interest in the national team. Russia may have players operating for famous clubs across Europe but they lack box-office appeal.

An alarming conclusion emerges. The Scots themselves must provide the elan if crowds are to be lured back. Those who were at Saturday's contest between the nation's two leading clubs would scoff at Brown's chances of constructing such a team. The goalless draw between Aberdeen and Rangers was, by all accounts, a ghastly game.

The only encouragement lay in Eoin Jess, whose persistent attempts to bring skill to bear in such circumstances almost appeared peculiar. At 23 the Aberdeen forward has been Scotland's apprentice genius for far too long but a broken ankle last season does go some way to explain the slow progress of his career.

He has now reached the stage where he must be trusted, and embedded in the national team. A similar act of faith is required where Phil O'Donnell, the Motherwell midfield player, is concerned. Scotland have a batch of sound performers — Paul McStay, Gary McAllister, John Collins, Stuart McCall — for that department but none possesses the 21-year-old's special knack.

Liverpool are said to be watching O'Donnell and fingering their cheque book: they are surely beguiled by his directness. There are, however, few other fresh prospects in Scotland, where Saturday's premier division programme was composed of six draws, suggesting that there is little to choose between the clubs.

If his own country is barren, though, Brown could yet benefit from an adjacent renaissance. In England football, and all its arts, are beginning to flourish once again. Since the end of the Seventies, Scottish teams have been largely composed of premier division men. The mid-1990s, however, could see the return of the Anglos.

Twenty years ago Willie Ormond was able to identify prime international material at unfashionable clubs. Don Masson, of Queens Park Rangers, was almost 30 when given his first cap. Coventry's Tommy Hutchison made his inspiring debut in a crucial match against Czechoslovakia in 1973.

Brown himself has indulged in some scouring south of the border for he and Andy Roxburgh uncovered Andy Goram and McCall while they were, respectively, still with Oldham Athletic and Bradford City.

Last year Liverpool appeared reluctant to let Don Hutchison gain representative honours since the Gateshead-born midfield player, of Scottish parentage, would thereby be regarded as a foreign player for European matches. Faced with apparent indifference from club and player the Scottish Football Association (SFA) might have dismissed Hutchison from their thoughts. Instead, Hutchison will today be named in the B international squad for the match in Wrexham.

There are also controversial riches to be mined in England. Matthew Le Tissier, the Channel Islander, for example, is apparently eligible to play for any of the British countries. How fastidious should the SFA be over his lack of Scottish blood when he is capable of such thrilling goals as Saturday's winner against Newcastle United?

Those at the SFA with an eye to the balance sheet were distressed by that unattractive draw but the financial damage may not be over yet. If Brown must begin to trawl English matches, hefty mileage claims can be anticipated.

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (1) 1 OLDHAM (1) 1
Wright 45 (pen) — Sharp 4
26,524

CHELSEA (0) 1 A VILLA (1) 1
Stein 67 — Saunders 39
18,341

COVENTRY (0) 0 QPR (1) 1
12,187 — White 25

IPSWICH (0) 0 WIMBLEDON (0) 0
12,372

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 MAN CITY (1) 1
Rush 22, 90 — Griffiths 4
41,872

MAN UTD (1) 1 EVERTON (0) 0
Giggs 27 — 44,750

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 SOTON (1) 2
Cole 38 — Maddison 5, Le Tissier 83
32,129

SHEFF WED (0) 3 SHEFF UTD (0) 1
Bright 58, Pearce 61, Watson 78 — Whitehouse 87 (pen)
34,959

SWINDON (1) 2 TOTTENHAM (1) 1
Fjortoft 38, Whitbread 50 — Barmby 39
16,563

Yesterday

BLACKBURN (1) 2 LEEDS (0) 1
Shearer 17, 90 — Speed 77
16,938

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 Man Utd	27	9	5	0	28	10	10	2	1	28	13	64
2 Blackburn	25	8	3	2	18	9	7	3	2	18	11	51
3 Arsenal	27	7	5	2	18	9	5	5	3	13	5	46
4 Newcastle	26	7	3	3	25	10	6	3	4	20	15	45
5 Liverpool	28	8	4	2	26	16	3	7	4	15	18	43
6 Leeds	26	8	3	1	24	13	3	7	4	15	15	43
7 Sheff Wed	27	6	6	2	30	17	4	4	5	19	19	40
8 QPR	26	6	3	4	23	15	5	3	5	17	18	39
9 Norwich	24	3	4	4	8	10	7	4	2	29	17	38
10 A Villa	25	5	2	5	13	12	5	6	2	17	15	38
11 West Ham	26	5	4	4	12	14	5	3	5	10	19	34
12 Wimbledon	25	5	4	4	18	15	3	5	4	11	18	33
13 Ipswich	25	4	6	4	12	15	3	5	3	10	12	32
14 Coventry	25	4	6	3	11	11	3	4	5	15	18	31
15 Tottenham	27	3	5	5	19	18	4	4	6	18	15	30
16 Everton	27	5	1	7	16	20	3	3	8	12	18	28
17 Chelsea	25	5	4	4	14	12	1	4	7	9	18	26
18 Soton	27	5	1	7	18	18	2	2	9	10	19	24
19 Sheff Utd	27	4	5	4	14	15	0	5	9	9	27	22
20 Man City	26	2	6	4	12	15	2	3	8	8	17	21
21 Oldham	26	2	4	7	13	24	2	4	8	7	21	20
22 Swindon	27	3	4	7	14	25	0	6	7	14	33	19

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor 8 Llansantffraid 0; Connah's Quay 1 Caersws 1; Ebbw Vale 1 Aberystwyth 1; Flint Town Utd 3 Conwy 3; Haverfordwest 0 Ton Pentre 2; Maesteg Park 1 Llanelli 2; Newtown 2 Mold 3; Porthmadog 7 Holywell 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 4 Solihull 1; Cambridge City 2 Trowbridge 0; Corby Town 2 Gresley Rovers 1; Crawley Town 1 Sittingbourne 1, Dorchester 2 ... Midland division: Bedworth 0 Dudley 3, Bridgnorth 0 Yate 1; Forest Green 3 Rushden and Diamonds 5; Hinckley 2 Stourbridge 0; King's Lynn 2 Evesham 1; Leicester United 0 VS Rugby 3; Redditch 5 Tamworth 0; Sutton Coldfield 4 RC Warwick 1. Southern division: Braintree 3 ... 0; Buckingham 2 Erith and Belvedere 2; Burnham 4 Bury Town 2; Canterbury City 1 Poole 1; Dunstable 2 Weymouth 4; Fisher 93 1 Witney 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 0 Tonbridge 0; Newport IOW 2 Ashford 1; Salisbury 2 Baldock 0; Waterlooville 4 Sudbury 1.

FA VASE: Fourth round replays: Dunkirk 1 Wisbech 0; Banstead Athletic 0 Taunton 2. Fourth round: Canvey Island 1 Newbury 2; Torpoint Athletic 0 Diss 3.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 SUNDERLAND (0) 0
15,884

BRISTOL C (0) 0 NOTTS CO (1) 2
7,538 — Legg 35, Agana 79

CHARLTON (0) 2 BARNSLEY (0) 1
Robinson 46, Robson 77 — Payton 80
7,072

C PALACE (1) 2 LEICESTER (1) 1
Coleman 40, Armstrong 84 — Thompson 9
17,045

LUTON (1) 2 DERBY (0) 1
Telfer 45, Oakes 74 — Forsyth 51
9,371

MIDDLESBRO (1) 1 WATFORD (0) 1
Moore 29 — Furlong 52
8,089

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 PETERBORO (1) 2
19,534 — Adcock 22, 62

SOUTHEND (1) 1 GRIMSBY (1) 2
Otto 26 — Dobbin 27, Livingstone 80
4,367

STOKE (1) 1 OXFORD UTD (0) 1
Regis 13 — Beauchamp 85
14,589

WEST BROM (0) 0 MILLWALL (0) 0
15,172

Yesterday

BOLTON (1) 2 TRANMERE (0) 1
McGinlay 17, 85 — Malkin 52
11,550

NOTTM FOR (0) 0 WOLVES (0) 0
23,008

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 C Palace	26	9	2	1	23	9	6	2	6	22	21	49
2 Charlton	27	10	2	1	22	8	4	4	5	12	17	48
3 Millwall	27	8	4	1	24	10	4	4	5	13	18	47
4 Leicester	27	9	3	2	34	18	4	3	6	13	14	46
5 Tranmere	28	9	2	3	27	15	4	4	6	12	18	45
6 Nottm For	26	5	6	2	18	14	7	2	4	23	18	44
7 Derby	28	10	0	2	29	15	3	3	8	13	24	42
8 Wolves	27	7	6	1	24	12	3	6	4	17	15	42
9 Stoke	27	9	3	2	21	13	3	3	6	18	26	42
10 Southend	28	7	3	4	25	16	5	1	8	19	23	40
11 Bolton	26	6	5	2	21	14	4	4	7	15	18	39
12 Bristol C	28	6	4	4	17	15	4	6	6	13	18	38
13 Portsmouth	27	6	4	3	17	12	3	6	5	14	22	37
14 Sunderland	27	9	1	4	21	13	2	2	10	14	32	36
15 Notts Co	27	9	1	3	24	15	2	2	10	14	30	36
16 Middlesbro	26	5	5	3	18	9	3	5	5	16	18	34
17 Luton	26	5	0	5	20	14	4	3	7	12	20	32
18 Grimsby	26	3	8	1	14	8	3	4	7	17	22	30
19 Watford	27	5	4	4	26	23	1	3	9	14	30	28
20 Birmingham	28	6	5	4	17	12	1	2	10	12	25	28
21 West Brom	27	5	6	3	25	19	1	2	10	12	25	26
22 Oxford Utd	28	7	3	3	20	14	1	3	8	13	27	26
23 Barnsley	27	3	3	6	13	21	3	4	8	18	24	25
24 Peterboro	25	4	4	4	15	12	1	2	8	7	19	23

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 0 Leek 3, Buxton 3 Knowsley United; Droylsden 3 Chorley 1; Fleetwood 1 Bridlington Town 8; Horwich 1 Gainsborough 2. First division: Ashton United 2 Great Harwood 2; Bamber Bridge 3 Curzon Ashton 1; Caernarfon 4 Eastwood Town 4; Farsley Celtic 2 Mossley 1; Lancaster City 3 Congleton 0; Netherfield 2 Worksop 0; Radcliffe Borough 3 Harrogate 0; Workington 4 Goole 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester Le Street 0 Tow Law 0; Dunston FB 1 Shildon 1; Durham 2 Hebburn 1; Guisborough 3 Eppleton CW 0; Murton 2 Newcastle Blue Star 3; Stockton 2 Consett 3; West Auckland 2 Brandon 2.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 SWANSEA (0) 1
Gouck 82 — Torpey 87
7,080

BOURNEMTH (1) 1 FULHAM (1) 3
Murray 16 — Angus 14, Brazil 54 (pen), Eckhardt 90
5,464

BRADFORD (0) 0 BRISTOL R (1) 1
6,122 — Archer 15

BRENTFORD (1) 1 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Bates 18 — 6,334

CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 WREXHAM (1) 2
Rowett 53, Butler 60 — Bennett 10, Watkin 77
3,353

CARDIFF (0) 0 BARNET (0) 0
5,698

HUDDERSFLD (1) 3 YORK (1) 2
Jepson 40, 57, 84 — Barnes 30, 58
6,802

HULL (0) 0 PORT VALE (0) 0
6,918

PLYMOUTH (2) 3 BURNLEY (0) 2
Marshall 31, Nugent 32, 67 — Heath 66, Philliskirk 82
10,585

READING (0) 1 EXETER (0) 0
Hartenberger 78 — 7,174

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 L ORIENT (0) 1
Wilder 43, Goater 69 — West 65
3,392

STOCKPORT (1) 3 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Preece 22, 64, 87 — 6,657

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 Reading	26	11	3	0	29	8	6	3	3	25	17	57
2 Plymouth	25	9	3	1	32	14	5	3	4	20	18	48
3 Stockport	24	10	0	2	30	9	4	5	3	12	13	47
4 Bristol R	25	6	4	2	19	13	6	1	4	16	14	47
5 Brentford	27	7	4	3	19	12	5	5	3	17	12	45
6 Burnley	26	10	1	2	29	13	3	3	7	14	20	43
7 Port Vale	25	8	3	1	28	11	4	4	5	14	15	43
8 Hull	27	5	5	3	22	14	6	2	5	19	22	40
9 York	27	5	4	4	16	10	6	2	6	21	17	39
10 Bradford	26	7	3	4	21	13	4	3	5	14	20	39
11 Cambridge	27	6	4	4	21	14	4	3	6	19	25	37
12 L Orient	27	6	5	2	19	13	3	3	8	14	20	35
13 Blackpool	27	8	2	5	27	24	2	2	8	14	25	34
14 Bournemth	24	5	3	3	16	17	3	5	3	12	13	32
15 Wrexham	25	7	3	2	30	18	1	4	8	10	24	31
16 Huddersfld	25	4	4	4	13	16	4	3	6	15	17	31
17 Cardiff	24	5	4	3	21	15	1	6	5	15	25	28
18 Rotherham	25	5	3	4	21	19	2	4	7	13	22	28
19 Swansea	24	5	4	2	17	11	2	3	8	10	23	28
20 Fulham	27	2	4	7	9	14	5	1	8	19	25	26
21 Exeter	23	5	3	3	25	19	1	4	7	7	25	25
22 Brighton	26	8	6	4	15	16	2	4	7	11	25	25
23 Hartlepool	27	4	2	7	13	18	1	3	10	8	23	20
24 Barnet	25	1	2	9	11	20	1	3	9	13	33	11

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 0 Chippenham 2; Crediton 1 Mangotsfield 0; Elmore 3 Bideford 3; Exmouth 0 Paulton 1; Minehead 0 Frome 4; Odd Down 2 Tiverton 2; Torrington 2 Calne 2; Westbury 1 Saltash 3.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiffinians 4 Danes 2; Wilsonians 1 Ignatians 2; Aloysians 2 Tentsonians 0.

Third division

CHESTER (0) 0 DARLINGTON (0) 0
2,777

CHESTERFLD (0) 1 PRESTON (0) 1
Curtis 82 — Moyes 57
3,804

DONCASTER (0) 1 LINCOLN (0) 0
Harper 58 — 2,374

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 WALSALL (1) 1
Baker 59 — Smith 3
3,211

HEREFORD (0) 1 CREWE (1) 2
Reece 89 — Rowbotham 2, Lennon 68
2,638

ROCHDALE (1) 4 TORQUAY (1) 1
Thackeray 45, Lancaster 69, 76, Whitehall 85 — Burton 28
2,319

SCARBORO (0) 1 MANSFIELD (0) 1
White 64 — Holland 81
1,557

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 COLCHESTER (0) 1
Carmichael 54 — Cawley 67
2,854

WIGAN (2) 3 BURY (1) 1
Kilford 9, 78, Morton 20 — Carter 23
2,476

WYCOMBE (1) 1 NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Guppy 37 — 5,737

Postponed: Carlisle v Shrewsbury

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 Crewe	24	10	2	0	29	12	5	4	3	22	20	51
2 Wycombe	24	7	3	2	21	13	5	6	2	23	21	44
3 Preston	24	8	3	2	32	17	4	4	3	22	21	43
4 Walsall	25	6	3	4	21	15	6	4	2	12	12	43
5 Shrewsbury	23	5	4	2	17	12	7	2	3	22	16	42
6 Torquay	25	4	6	1	20	16	5	3	4	19	19	38
7 Chester	23	5	3	2	12	6	6	2	5	14	19	38
8 Rochdale	23	7	3	2	26	9	3	3	5	14	14	36
9 Scunthorpe	24	6	5	1	26	9	3	4	5	12	22	35
10 Bury	24	7	3	2	25	10	3	2	7	12	22	35
11 Colchester	24	7	3	3	23	19	2	2	7	17	28	32
12 Chesterfld	23	6	2	4	18	14	3	2	6	14	24	31
13 Mansfield	25	6	1	5	15	16	2	6	5	13	21	31
14 Carlisle	24	3	4	4	18	16	4	5	4	13	10	30
15 Doncaster	25	6	2	5	18	18	3	1	8	9	21	30
16 Scarboro	25	4	1	8	15	20	4	4	4	14	17	29
17 Gillingham	24	6	5	2	18	12	1	3	7	10	19	29
18 Lincoln	22	5	2	5	17	19	3	2	5	15	19	28
19 Darlington	25	4	3	5	18	18	1	5	7	11	23	23
20 Wigan	23	3	4	5	22	24	2	2	7	9	21	21
21 Hereford	25	3	3	7	19	21	2	2	8	14	29	20
22 Northmptn	24	2	4	4	12	14	0	2	12	11	34	12

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris 2 Harwich and Parkeston 5, Fakenham 2 Soham TR 4; Great Yarmouth 1 Newmarket 4. Histon 2 Norwich United 6; Lowestoft 1 Cornard 0; Stowmarket 2 Watton 1; Sudbury 2 March Town 1; Tiptree 1 Halstead 2; Wisbech 0 Gorleston 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Winchmore Hill 3 Midland 2; West Wickham 4 Old Esthameians 4; Alexandra Park 2 Old Latymerians 2, Broomfield 1 East Barnet OG 2, Southgate Olympic 0 Old Bromleians 4; Polytechnic 2 Lloyds Bank 2; Old Westminster Cits 4 Alleyn OB 0; Brentham 3 Royal Bank of Scotland 0; Old Parmiterians 1 Cuaco 2; Barclays 2 Bank 2; Old Salesians 0 Old Lyonians 0; Merton 1 Reigate Priory 3

FA TROPHY: First round: Alfreton 0 Runcorn 5, Altrincham 0 Stafford 2; Bashley 2 Woking 4, Billericay 0 Slough 2, Billingham Synthonia 2 Frickley 1; Blyth Spartans 1 Bishop Auckland 3, Boston 1 Macclesfield 1; Cheltenham 1 Nuneaton 0; Dulwich 1 Kingstonian 2; Enfield 2 Purfleet 0; Farnborough 1 Grays 1; Grantham 3 Witton 2; Gretna 1 Warrington Town 1, Halesowen 0 Gateshead 2, Halifax 2 Emley 1; Harrow 3 Worcester 3; Hednesford 1 Whitby Town 0; Kettering 2 Stevenage Borough 1; Kidderminster 0 Dagenham & Redbridge 2; Marine 0 Southport 0, Morecambe 2 Northwich 1; Spennymoor United 2 Hyde 1; St Albans 4 Merthyr 5, Stalybridge 1 Colwyn Bay 1, Sutton United 2 Chesham 0; Telford 2 Northallerton Town 1; Waterlooville 1 Bromsgrove 1; Welling 0 Chelmsford 1, Weston-super-Mare 0 Dover 2; Winsford 0 Guiseley 1; Yeovil 3 Bath 3. Postponed: Worthing v Marlow

SPANISH LEAGUE: Lleida 1 Tenerife 1; Rayo Vallecano 1 Racing de Santander 1, Logrones 1 Atletico Madrid 0; Valencia 2 Oviedo 2, Sporting de Gijon 2, Valladolid 0, Real Madrid 0 Osasuna 0, Sevilla 0 Zaragoza 1, Albacete 1 Athletic de Bilbao 0; Real Sociedad 2 Barcelona 1

AFA SENIOR CUP: Old Grammarians 4 Corinthian Casuals 1; Ealing Association 4 Cardinal Manning 3; Wake Green 2 Glyn Old Boys 0; Old Actonians 1 Old Suttonians 2, Crouch End Vampires 2 Old Kingsburians 1, Old Stationers 2 Parkfield 1, Civil Service 1 Nottsborough 0; Old Chigwellians 0 Old Parkonians 0. Old Hamptonians 1 Norsemen 1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 1 Leyton Orient 1, Gillingham 0 Watford 1, Millwall 1 Ipswich 0; Portsmouth 0 Norwich 0, QPR 5 Chelsea 2; Southend 3 Charlton 3; Tottenham 0 Fulham 2. Second division: Bristol Rovers 1 Southampton 0; Colchester 2 Tottenham 3; Crystal Palace 3 Brentford 1; Luton 1 Brighton 4; Reading 4 Bristol City 1; Swindon 3 Bournemouth 0; Wimbledon 3 Oxford United 0

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes 1 Hendon 1; Hitchin 1 Carshalton 0; Molesey 0 Basingstoke 0, Wivenhoe 1 Dorking 0. First division: Berkhamsted 2 Walton and Hersham 3, Bishop's Stortford 5 Windsor and Eton 0; Bognor Regis 1 Abingdon 0; Boreham Wood 2 Heybridge Swifts 1; Croydon 4 Barking 1, Leyton 4 Uxbridge 0; Ruislip Manor 3 Tooting and Mitcham 0; Staines 2 Chalfont St Peter 0; Whyteleafe 1 Maidenhead 3. Second division: Aveley 1 Malden Vale 0, Barton 1 Leatherhead 0, Chertsey 5 Lewes 0, Egham 0 Aldershot Town 0; Metropolitan Police 2 Collier Row 0; Rainham 0 Hampton 3; Saffron Walden 1 Hemel Hempstead 0. Tilbury 2 Thame 2; Ware 1 Hungerford 1; Witham 3 Edgware 1. Third division: Camberley 0 Harlow 1, Cove 2 Royston 0, Epsom and Ewell 0 Bracknell 1; Flackwell Heath 1 East Thurrock 5, Hertford 1 Horsham 3 ... Clapton 0; Oxford City 3 Hornchurch 1; Southall 2 Kingsbury 1, Tring 2 Cheshunt 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 2 Ashfield 0; Belper 4 Pontefract Col 1. Glasshoughton Wel 2 Denaby 1, Liversedge 2 Eccleshill 0, Maltby MW 2 Ossett Albion 5; Ossett Town 0 Sheffield 1; Pickering 2 Lincoln United 2. Thackley 1 Hucknall 0; Winterton 2 North Ferriby 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough 5 Skelmersdale 2; Blackpool Rovers 1 Salford City 2; Burscough 0 Bootle 2; Clitheroe 0 Maine Road (Man) 1; Darwen 0 Eastwood Hanley 3, Kidsgrove Athletic 2 Atherton LR 3, Nantwich 0 Newcastle Town 2; Prescot 2 Glossop North End 3.

Tennents Scottish Cup

Second round

HUNTLY (1) 1 STRANRAER (0) 2
De Barros 14 — Duncan 74 (pen), Sloan 77
2,000

Scottish League

Premier division

ABERDEEN (0) 0 RANGERS (0) 0
21,500

CELTIC (0) 0 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
17,235

DUNDEE (1) 2 RAITH (1) 2
Shaw 31 (pen), Blake 57 — Blake 20 (og), Dalziel 84
3,934

HEARTS (1) 1 KILMARNOCK (1) 1
Geddes 6 (og) — MacPherson 43
9,204

PARTICK (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (0) 0
5,596

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 HIBERNIAN (0) 2
Wright 44, Dodds 76 — O'Neill 57 (pen), Jackson 83
5,817

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 Rangers	28	6	3	4	22	17	7	7	1	24	12	36
2 Aberdeen	28	8	6	0	22	6	3	8	3	14	15	36
3 Hibernian	28	8	3	2	22	11	4	6	5	20	20	33
4 Motherwell	26	7	3	2	17	10	6	4	4	17	15	33
5 Celtic	28	6	7	2	17	10	3	5	5	16	16	30
6 Dundee U	27	4	7	2	15	11	4	6	4	14	14	29
7 Kilmarnock	28	4	7	3	11	12	4	5	5	12	16	28
8 Partick	28	6	5	3	16	11	2	5	7	15	25	26
9 Hearts	28	5	8	4	16	15	1	6	6	5	14	24
10 St Johnstn	26	4	4	5	17	20	1	7	5	6	14	21
11 Raith	27	2	7	5	14	22	2	5	6	14	23	20
12 Dundee	28	3	6	6	17	20	1	0	12	8	22	14

BASS IRISH CUP: Abbey Villa 3 Killyleagh 0; Ards 2 Glentoran 2; Ballyclare 1 Cliftonville 1. Ballymena 0 Carrick 3. Banbridge 1 Linfield 3. Bangor 1 Crusaders 0; Chimney Corner 0 Distillery 5, Donegal Celtic 1 Limavady 0; Dundela 2 Drumaness Mills 0; Glenavon 2 Brantwood 1; Larne 1 Coleraine 4. Loughgall 5 First Bangor OB 0. Moyola 1 Ballinamallard 1; Newry 1 Park 1. Omagh 2 Coagh 1. Portadown 3 East Belfast 0.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians 4 Brentwoods 0, Lancing 5 Salopians 0; Reptonians 2 Malvernians 0. First division: Bradfieldians 4 Ardinians 2, Foresters 4 Aldenhamians 1; Haileyburians 1 Harrovians 3, Wellingburians 6 Westminsters 3

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group A: Cork City 4 Derry City 2, Shamrock Rovers 2 Galway 5. Group B: Dundalk 0 Cobh Ramblers 0, Limerick 1 Drogheda United 0; Monaghan United 0 St Patrick's Athletic 0.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cremonese 1 Internazionale 4. Foggia 5 Lecce 0; AC Milan 2 Piacenza 0; Parma 2 Lazio 0, Reggiana 3 Atalanta 0, Roma 0 Udinese 2. Sampdoria 1 Juventus 1; Torino 1 Naples 1. Leading positions (after 20 matches): 1, AC Milan, 30 points; 2, Juventus, 26 3, Sampdoria, 26

FRENCH CUP: Strasbourg 1 Bordeaux 1 (Bordeaux win on pens); Le Havre 2 Beauvais 3.

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 BRECHIN (0) 1
2,000 — Brown 70

AYR (2) 3 STIRLING (1) 1
Hood 14, Lennox 39, McGivern 78 — Mitchell 42
1,780

DUMBARTON (1) 1 CLYDE (1) 1
Gibson 27 — Strain 11
937

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 CLYDEBANK (0) 0
French 56, Sweeney 64 (og) — 4,612

HAMILTON (0) 0 ST MIRREN (0) 0
2,469

MORTON (0) 1 FALKIRK (1) 1
Doak 51 — Sexton 45 (og)
2,087

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 Dunfermline	26	11	0	2	42	12	6	3	4	19	12	37
2 Falkirk	27	8	3	2	24	13	6	6	2	24	13	37
3 Airdrie	26	7	4	3	21	13	7	1	4	19	13	33
4 Hamilton	27	7	4	2	23	11	4	5	5	13	22	31
5 Clydebank	28	6	3	4	18	18	5	5	5	21	15	30
6 St Mirren	27	7	1	5	20	13	5	5	4	19	20	30
7 Ayr	27	4	5	5	14	18	5	4	4	11	13	27
8 Stirling	26	6	4	3	18	15	4	1	8	13	24	25
9 Dumbarton	28	4	5	6	20	22	4	3	6	14	17	24
10 Clyde	26	4	3	6	11	12	2	3	9	13	26	18
11 Morton	26	2	7	5	13	18	1	3	8	12	32	16
12 Brechin	28	4	2	8	11	21	1	2	11	8	38	14

Second division

ALLOA (0) 1 ARBROATH (2) 2
McAvoy 71 — Clouston 1, Diver 3
578

E STIRLING (1) 2 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
Craig 16, McCallum 62 — 513

FORFAR (0) 1 STENHSMUIR (0) 1
Smith 55 — Sprott 85
478

MEADWBANK (2) 4 ALBION (0) 2
Bailey 4, Little 40, Fleming 81, McLeod 83 — Gallagher 85, Scott 87
200

MONTROSE (0) 2 BERWICK (1) 3
Kennedy 50, Taylor 62 — Irvine 7, Neil 48, Banks 54
461

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1 COWDENBTH (0) 2
Thomson 65 — Hunter 70, Herd 90 (pen)
927

Postponed: East Fife v Stranraer

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 Stranraer	22	9	0	2	24	11	6	3	2	15	9	33
2 Alloa	23	4	5	3	10	9	6	3	2	17	12	28
3 Meadwbnk	23	5	6	1	22	14	4	2	4	14	15	26
4 Queen of S	23	6	0	6	28	16	5	3	3	18	15	25
5 E Fife	22	6	3	2	25	15	4	1	6	14	17	24
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POOLS CHECK

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FORECAST: Dividends will be low with 13 jackpot draws. No claims required

Davenport finds joys of youth in exalted company

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

THE void left by Jennifer Capriati, who has chosen temporarily to retire from women's tennis at the age of 17, is being filled by another American three months younger than her. Lindsay Davenport, in reaching the quarter-finals of the Australian Open here on Saturday, can already count herself among the elite.

She took the place that had been reserved for Mary Joe Fernandez, the sixth seed and runner-up here in 1990 and 1992. The loser, who was four times on the point of going out in straight sets, declared that Davenport has "a very big future" and could even disconcert Steffi Graf, the undisputed favourite tomorrow.

"Lindsay is leading the pack of the younger girls." Fernandez said after her 6-2, 6-7, 6-2 defeat.

"She hits the ball as well as anybody out there and from both sides too. Steffi moves well so you would have to give her the edge but it could be tough for her."

Davenport has not given much thought to the unnerving prospect of meeting the top seed. In contrast to Capriati, who had to live with towering expectation from the day she turned professional at 14, the more youthful Californian has been taught by her entourage to enjoy herself.

"Everybody around me tries to make it fun," the No 16 seed said. "Maybe that was not always the main concern of some of the people close to Jennifer. This life is tough and I don't understand what happened to her but I can see how it did.

"My parents never said to



Davenport: powerful

me 'you are playing professional tennis'. They always wanted me to go to college. I never practised with the intention of getting to No 1 in the world. I have a lot of fun on the tour and I like seeing the different cities."

Lucerne and Brisbane in particular. They are the venues of her two tournament wins so far but how will she react to the intense scrutiny to which she will soon be subjected? Last year, before becoming a professional, she distinguished herself as a qualifier by reaching the third round.

She has now risen to rarefied heights, joining the top five seeds in the last eight as well as two other prominent figures. Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière is appearing in her last grand slam event and Kimiko Date is paving the way for a host of talented Japanese players.

Davenport stands at 6ft 2in (her father was a member of the United States volleyball team in the 1968 Olympic Games) and she has the power to compete with Graf on equal terms. Although her lack of mobility promises to be a decisive deficiency she is guaranteed to move up from 19 in the world rankings.

Mary Pierce, who has yet to break into the top ten, was supposed to extend Gabriela Sabatini as she had done last year. A resurgent Ivan Lendl was also thought to represent a severe threat to Pete Sampras. In both cases, expectations fell flat as they lost in straight sets.

Sampras beat Lendl in the final of the New South Wales Open a fortnight ago and took only two hours and 20 minutes to knock him out 7-6, 6-2, 7-6. The top seed meets Magnus Gustafsson in the quarter-final and Jim Courier, the holder, plays Goran Ivanisevic, whose blistering service overpowered the South African, Grant Stafford, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6.

The Australians, with no survivors, have taken an unprecedented step to reinforce their challenge for the Davis Cup. To replace Neale Fraser, who retired after the team lost to Germany in last year's final, two men have been appointed. John Newcombe is to be the captain and Tony Roche, his former doubles partner, the coach.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES: Third round: T Martin (US) bt J Svensson (Swe) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; M Washington (US) bt A Antonitsch (Austria) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Fourth round: X Daufresne (Bel) bt P Rafter (Aus) 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt W Ferreira (SA) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt I Lendl (US) 7-6, 6-2, 7-6; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt G Stafford (SA) 6-3, 6-2, 7-6; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt M Damm (Cz) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1

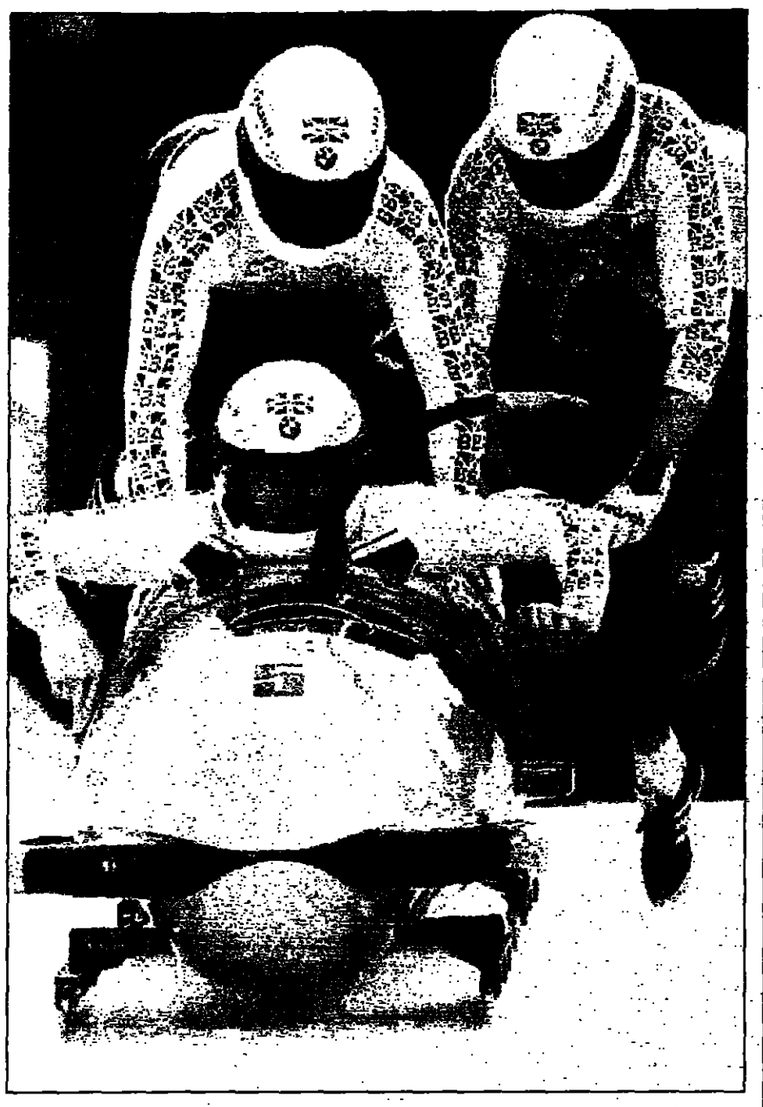
MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt H Davids (Holl) and P Norval (SA) 6-3, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: S Graf (Ger) bt S Testud (Fr) 6-1, 6-2; K Date (Japan) bt G Helgason (US) 7-5, 6-1; C Martinez (Sp) bt C Rubin (US) 7-6, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt M J Fernandez (US) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt S Hack (Ger) 7-5, 6-7, 7-5; J Novotna (Cz) bt E Zardo (Switz) 6-2, 7-5; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Second round: P Shriver (US) and E Smylie (Aus) bt K McDonald and N Pratt (Aus) 7-5, 6-3; M J Fernandez and Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt S Farina and L Ferrando (It) 8-3, 6-7, 6-4

MIXED DOUBLES: Second round: D Randall (US) and J Hetherington (Can) bt M Oosting (Holl) and A Groseman (US) 6-1, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Holl) and N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt D Adams (Aus) and E Maniokova (Russ) 6-2, 6-3, A Olhovskiy (Russ) and L Neiland (Lat) bt G Connell (Can) and R White (US) 6-3, 5-7, 7-6.

Tout captures silver



MARK Tout, above in the driving seat, provided the British Olympic bobsleigh squad with a timely shot in the arm before the Winter Games in Norway next month by winning the silver medal in the four-man event at the European championships in La Plagne, France, on Saturday (Chris Moore writes).

It was Britain's first medal in one of the three leading competitions — Olympic, world and European — since the double triumph of 1968 when Patrick Evelyn and Tony Field finished second in the European two-man event at St Moritz, with John Blockey and Mike Freeman winning the bronze.

Tout's triumph with his crew of George Farrell, Jason Wing and Lenny Paul secured Britain's first silver medal in European four-man competition. They were leading after setting the fastest time of the day — 58.51sec — on their opening run. But a mistake at the start of their second descent enabled Gunter Huber, of Italy, to capture the gold medal by 0.19sec. Sean Olsson, in the No 2 British bob, was ninth.

Castleford touch regal form to remove Wigan's dominant aura

Castleford	33
Wigan	2

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE result was two parts overthrow, one part abdication. Castleford won the Regal Trophy in sublime style at Headingley on Saturday, prompting talk of an end to rugby league's established order. None of the drubbings Wigan have subjected hapless opponents to in finals over the past decade quite compared with their own downfall.

The next three months will decide whether the quality gap has indeed been closed or Wigan can dust themselves down and do the double of first division championship and Challenge Cup for the sixth successive year. In so abrupt a termination of their cosy monopoly, however, Castleford have given a worn script brilliant new life.

Not only was their five-try defeat of Wigan, by a record margin for the final, a compelling vindication of rugby league's rude health, it finally and breathtakingly established that opponents can beat Wigan at their own game, which has long been a benchmark of the sport's development.

By imitation, Castleford improved on the real thing. Wigan's trademark first-20-minute siege was replicated and brought two conclusive scores; the relentless barnstorming by the forwards left their opponents dazed; and attack proved the best form of defence, for Castleford were unyielding when called upon to hold their line.

No club with Wigan's vast strength in resources and experience can, realistically, be toppled on the basis of one result, but at least the myth has been broken. Maybe everyone else craved a change, but in his first final, John Dorahy said the "undermining" of Wigan by critics and officials had been rewarded. "They've won their day," he said. While acknowledging Castleford's inspired performance, the Wigan coach ascribed his side's feebleness to bad biorhythms. Something definitely was amiss.

All that was demanded of Castleford in written instructions above each player's dressing-room peg — halt Robinson, counter Platt, tackle, tackle, tackle — was done and more. The ten minutes in which they withstood Wigan's only barrage, at the start of the second half, were as important as the three tries earlier.

The enormous contributions of Ford, who figured in all Castleford's tries, Crooks, whose touchdown and six goals from six attempts gave him 16 points, an individual record, were perhaps expected, as were those of Nikau, Steadman and Kemp. Less so were those of Ketteridge, who was man of the match for his tries in each half, Morrison and Smales, who pounded ceaselessly in the second row, and Middleton, who gave a vibrant display on the left wing.

When Smales kicked with precision to the left corner for the opening try by Anderson, it set an exuberant tone. It is the type of rugby John Joyner practised as a Castleford player, preaches as coach nowadays, and might just land him the Great Britain job at some point.

As well as giving hope to the rest, east of the Pennines it was celebrated as the first defeat of Wigan in a final by a Yorkshire side since Castleford won the Challenge Cup in 1970. The times may indeed be changing.

SCORERS: Castleford: Tries: Ketteridge (2), Nikau, Anderson, Crooks. Goals: Crooks (6). Dropped goal: Kemp. Wigan: Goal: Bolton.

CASTLEFORD: G Steadman; S Ellis, R Blackmore, G Anderson (sub: A Hay 63min), S Middleton; T Kemp, M Ford; L Crooks, R Russell, M Ketteridge (sub: D Sampson, 74), T Morrison, T Smales, T Nikau.

WIGAN: J Lydon; J Robinson, S Mather, G Connolly, M Offiah; F Bonce, S Edwards (sub: S Panapa, 50); K Skerrett, M Dermott, A Platt, N Cowie (sub: M Cassidy, 30), A Ferrell, P Clark.

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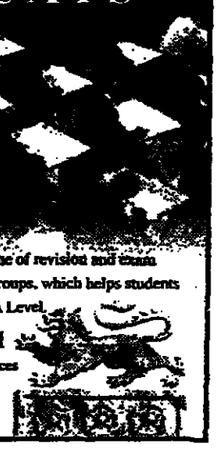
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Today's lesson in classroom faith

With moral issues in the news, Peter Jackson reports a new impetus in RE



TONY WHITE

Pupils at the Islamia School in north-west London: the new model RE syllabus places Christianity first, but emphasises the importance of other world religions

Religious education in many schools is poor. A shortage of specialist teachers, insufficient teaching time and confusion about the purpose of RE make the subject boring and incoherent for many pupils. The malaise affects maintained and independent schools equally.

But this long neglect suddenly seems likely to end. The current concern with "back to basics" and the debate about morality have brought RE a political attention unknown since the last century. Some politicians believe that better RE might provide a short-cut to higher moral and spiritual values among young people.

Fortunately, this political attention will not find RE teachers unprepared. Tomorrow the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA) will publish two model syllabuses which offer unprecedentedly clear guidance to local authorities about how to provide better RE in maintained schools. Independent schools are also considering a new syllabus which has been available for consultation since last September. They have at least a year's start on the maintained sector, as local authorities will not implement the proposed changes until 1995.

However, while model syllabuses should encourage greater coherence, RE still needs guaranteed teaching time. Sir Ron Dearing's review provides it. He proposes that up to the age of 14 RE should have as much teaching time as foundation subjects such as history and geography. From 14 to 16, RE would be guaranteed 5 per cent. This means that the subject will be given two rather than one lesson a week in most schools. The independent schools' syllabus also advises 5 per cent.

The model syllabuses are in part prescriptive, but they still allow local authority conferences (SACREs) and schools considerable discretion. A diagram issued with them will show that, to comply with the law, Christianity must receive the most attention. However, the study of at least one other world religion is obligatory for all age groups and schools may choose to teach more Christianity or more world religions as they see fit. The independent schools' syllabus gives similar advice, whilst accepting that many schools will, initially, teach much more Christianity than other world religions.

While these changes seem to promise a brighter future for RE, no one should underestimate the extent of the task. Schools will need to have the will to act on these proposals and the resources, especially trained teachers, to implement them. And the fragile agreement achieved in the SCAA group between a wide variety of Christians and representatives of other religions could easily disintegrate.

The main debate in this group, in which I served, was over the division of teaching time between Christianity and the other world religions. The 1988 Act requires that RE should be predominantly Christian. Does this mean simply that Christianity should have more time than any other *one* world faith, or more than all of them put together?

Representatives of the other world religions argued that no one could gain a proper understanding of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, or Sikhism unless they were given adequate time, and unless there was the possibility of studying a particular faith at more than one stage during a pupil's time at school. They also put the politically persuasive argument that teaching other faiths superficially might encourage pupils to see religions other than Christianity as inferior, from which it is a short step to seeing citizens who are not Christian as less equal under the law than others.

No one should be surprised at this conflict, as it is effectively enshrined in the 1988 Act, which in turn reflects the dilemma which faced the Church of England bishops involved in its drafting. They wished neither to appear lukewarm to improving the quality of education about Christianity, nor to adopt a position about RE which might appear to do less than justice to all sections of the community.

Nevertheless, some Christians reject this "concession" to other faiths and they have campaigned to protect the teaching of Christianity from what they perceive as "confusion" with other religions.

They have tried to use the SCAA Monitoring Group and the latest government draft circular on RE effectively to compensate for the latitude of the 1988 Act. Therefore, both SCAA model syllabuses set out Christianity and the five other world religions *separately*. Significantly, though, a rubric qualifies this separation. It asserts that, while the model syllabuses have avoided the use of "themes" which might link different religions from the outset, schools may devise schemes of work which link issues.

I recognise the fears of the different SCAA factions, but I believe that the model syllabuses and the Dearing review give RE its best chance in years, as does the imaginative use of the independent schools' syllabus. It would be sad if anyone, especially over-defensive Christians, undermined this unique opportunity.

However, holding the agreement together is not enough. We have to convince parents, pupils and teachers of other subjects of the value and importance of RE. I hope they will see that RE, by its consideration of Christianity, world religions, and related beliefs such as Humanism, provides a framework of meaning into which other subjects may fit.

● *Copies of the Independent Schools' Syllabus can be obtained from the Rev Peter Jackson, Harrow School, High Street, Harrow, Middlesex*

Credit for learning wherever it's due

A new scheme rewards all learners for their efforts

A Channel 4 programme shortly before Christmas created a sense of alarm about current reforms to the British vocational education system. Based on a report by Professor Alan Smithers, it claimed that our current vocational qualifications are unlikely to bring Britain up to the standards of skill training of some of our European partners.

The report suggested that British trainees are undertaught, especially in the theoretical aspects of their studies; and also that, in some ways, they are wrongly taught. The overwhelming message was that British vocational education is too narrowly based, and too poorly respected. The approach of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications (NCVQ), it claimed, would not solve either of these problems.

Those involved with the learning process know that serious development of technical skill cannot take place without a reliable foundation of general education. The approach of the NCVQ has been to achieve the theoretical understanding required through the accurate definition of competencies underlying a job, and the development of qualifications which assess and recognise the required skills. The council has given responsibility to employers to define the standards of competence and to develop national vocational qualifications.

For the 16-19 age group, and some older learners, this approach may need to be supplemented by methods that ensure that essential theoretical learning is achieved, at the same time as practical job-related skills are acquired. The new General National Vocational Qualifications, which address this issue, are quite distinct from the occupationally specific NVQs — a point that was perhaps insufficiently emphasised in Channel 4's programme.

The programme made several comparisons with other European countries. As a nation, however, we are too inclined to draw simplistic lessons from the experience of others. A solution is required that fits British educational contexts, yet addresses the underlying causes of low performance. In practical terms, this means that reform cannot be located in the vocational sector alone. To increase the number of people involved in education and training, and the levels they attain, there must be an erosion of the divide between types of learning. Craftspeople, technicians and professionals all require understanding and knowledge as well as a mixture of skills. The problem is therefore how to overcome the isolation of vocational education.

One way would be to design a new system of unified national qualifications that require broader-based learning. This approach might lead to a set of baccalaureates that reflect technical, classical, linguistic or other emphases, but share a large common core of knowledge.

However desirable such a reform might be, attention must be directed to the process by which it would be brought about. A new consensus is emerging in post-16 education and training around the concept of credit-based learning: the simple idea that all types of learning should lead to credit for the learner is catching on with employers, trainers, teachers and lecturers. Credit gives value to A-level or NVQ or degree learning, using an educational currency that is common to all. Learners then are free to accumulate credit at the pace that fits their circumstances.

Because the credit currency is common to all forms of learning, it becomes more feasible to devise learning programmes that mix elements currently separated into academic and vocational tracks.

The use of credit helps to reduce the disparity of esteem between different types of learning. Within an agreed framework, students and trainees could pursue paths that include, say, A-level and NVQ approaches to study, while universities, employers, professional bodies and others can lay down their specific entry requirements in terms of credit.

To establish a framework for credit requires a broad partnership. In Wales, a scheme funded by the Welsh Office through Fforwm is involving colleges of further education, training and enterprise councils, open college networks and others in a modularisation and credit-based development.

In London the private sector-led organisation, London First, which seeks to improve and promote the capital, is strongly advocating such a solution. In partnership with the London Together movement, which has already brought colleges, universities, adult education, sixth-form education, TECs, employers and qualification authorities into a consensus for action, London First is seeking to create a London-wide credit framework, primed with funds from Sainsbury plc and the nine London TECs.

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SIMON WALKER

Young people must not acquire technical skills at the expense of general knowledge

The last of a dying breed

A student teacher pleads for valuable time in college

NEXT MONTH, the House of Lords will begin its scrutiny of Government proposals for a reduction in the time a student teacher spends in college, with a subsequent increase in the practical time spent in school.

As a student teacher, this is one of the worst scenarios I could face. I may receive more practical experience, but without the direction college provides, I do not think I would be adequately prepared to deal with all the challenges of teaching.

Much valuable time is spent in college helping students to reflect on their school experiences and discussing teaching strategies. I am now taking the Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) at Manchester Metropolitan University, a one-year course that aims to instill the skills, knowledge and confidence to become a professional teacher within a short time. Half of the 36-week-long course is spent gaining experience in primary schools, half in college. However, for facilities, tutor knowledge and support, college provides the richest resources.

Under the proposals, my access to such knowledge and to the range of schools I would visit would be reduced. It is important that students see an array of approaches to teaching in order to adopt and develop their own methods.

I have not even mentioned the children yet. Their interests are the teacher's priority, and to understand fully how to meet these needs, it is necessary to learn, experience and discuss how children learn. Graduate status does not automatically confer a sound understanding of child development.

The national curriculum at primary level requires teachers to give the children a "broad and balanced" experience of at least 11 subjects. To do the children justice, this means the student teacher has to revise all those subjects which have happily been laid to rest in the past.

So that students can realise how something can be taught, they must carry out the tasks themselves. This involves confronting basic mathematics again, thinking about molecules, music, information technology... the list goes on. The facilities college offers may be different, even better than those in a school. The children will benefit, too, if the student teacher's new ideas, developed in college, complement those of the class teacher.

VIEWPOINT



DEBORAH GREEN

Behaviour management is probably the most important, difficult and contentious area of teaching. Everyone has their own way of dealing with bad behaviour, and it is probably the foremost topic of conversation among student teachers. The ability to share ideas, away from the classroom and the college lecturer, is one of college's most valuable aspects.

Teaching is not a career which takes place in isolation. Teachers are increasingly expected to work alongside each other, to take individual subject responsibility and to help the rest of the staff to plan for that subject. Teachers discuss school-related issues with each other, and they share ideas and thoughts on individual children. College is the natural meeting place for the student teacher as our concerns are peculiar to our own, often ambiguous position. To have this cut back would be a waste of excellent teaching resources and friendship between future new teachers.

The race for jobs starts this month. We may be the last of a dying breed if the input of colleges is reduced. This will be a great loss to a profession that has been under attack.

How reading landed in the alphabet soup

In 1964 the initial teaching alphabet was heralded as a revolution

Thirty years ago a radical new idea reached our schools that was to touch practically all primary teachers and their pupils.

ITA, the initial teaching alphabet, had just finished its trials in "guinea pig" schools in Oldham, and was to be introduced with Government blessing into almost every primary school in England.

It was the brainchild of Sir James Pitman, whose distinguished grandfather, Sir Isaac Pitman, had invented shorthand nearly a century earlier.

Basically ITA was a new alphabet, consisting of 45 letters instead of the usual 26. It was thought that children experienced difficulty in starting to read with letters that made two different sounds, such as the "i" in "big" and in "line".

New alphabets have been suggested throughout history. Elizabeth I's Chancellor, Sir Thomas Smith, published a book recommending "changes to the alphabet to represent adequately the English language". In 1644, Richard Hodges, a Southwark schoolmaster, published a similar book suggesting diacritical marks, or accents, to indicate the sound a letter should make. The eminent American Benjamin Franklin said in a letter of 1768: "Bad spellers are the product of bad rules, what is needed is a new alphabet." Matthew Arnold, Tennyson and George Bernard Shaw also expressed similar views.

With this distinguished background, ITA took education in England by storm. The Conservative Minister of Education, Sir Edward Boyle, referred to "these exciting and interesting experiments", and pledged to make a financial contribution towards the costs. Teachers went on crash courses to learn how to teach the new revolutionary new method.

Millions of pounds were involved as old stories were reprinted in the new alphabet and sold to our schools. A few reading schemes were translated into ITA, including *Off to Play, Janet and John, Out and About, I Went Walking, Through the Garden Gate, I Know a Story, Once Upon a Time.*

Then the bubble burst. The trouble with starting to read with ITA was that although early progress was faster, the child eventually had to transfer back to the traditional alphabet, which some children found difficult. Moreover, parents were deterred from helping their children at home by this strange new writing that they had difficulty in reading themselves.

Three years later after the multi-million pound investment, national tests were already casting doubts on the value of ITA. It was generally agreed that the new system helped slow learners, but did little for the average bright child. When children were found to be going up to their comprehensive schools still on ITA, having never changed to the normal alphabet, ITA lost favour, and died.

In these days of radical changes in education, with the placing of "special needs" children into normal, large size classes; with league tables published setting one school against another, and the same National Curriculum for all schools in all their diversity, it is perhaps worth thinking back to what the experts were telling us in 1964.

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Rebel with a medieval cause

The composer John Tavener has returned to the spirit and techniques of centuries ago. **Richard Morrison** on one of music's cult figures

One hesitates to offer yet another interpretation of that weary phrase, back to basics. Nevertheless, the people packed into Westminster Abbey on Friday night must have felt that they were being transported as far back to basics as contemporary music is ever likely to go.

They heard scales dating from the first centuries of Christianity. They heard drones that were old when Socrates was young. They heard voices singing the sort of parallel chords to which this building resounded 600 years ago. Most of all, they experienced an utterly unmodern feeling of timeless ritual.

As for the words, they conveyed a message of unwavering Christian ecstasy that would not seem incongruous in the *Book of Revelation*. In fact, they were written by Gregory Petrov, a priest incarcerated in a Russian prison camp in the 1940s. His life must have been wretched, yet he produced poetry of unsurpassable beauty in praise of his God. No anger, no self-pity: he had transcended all that. He believed in paradise, and in his imagination he was already there.

> Something beautiful and truthful is expressed in fewer notes than the average pop song

Such remarkable words and music (thrillingly performed by BBC and Westminster Abbey forces under Martin Neary's direction) made *Akathist of Thanksgiving* the ideal piece with which to open the BBC's "Ikons" festival, devoted to the music of John Tavener, who is 50 this year. Tavener's Russian Orthodox faith (he was converted in 1977) anchors not only his philosophy but also his music. And that is crucial. Most Western music is about "expressing yourself". Tavener, however, is attempting to provide the opposite: a music of unchanging ritual that obliterates the self in contemplation of the divine. "I'm driven by a force which I can't explain to re-establish a holy tradition of working, in an age which is unsympathetic to it," he once said.

Well, the climate is much more sympathetic to religious music than it once was. I don't know why, but I doubt that it has much to do with the Tories' back-to-basics campaign. Tavener is now viewed not as a superstitious freak several beads short of a full rosary, but as one of a number of composers (including Arvo Pärt and Henryk Gorecki) who have successfully rebelled against the postwar obsession with neurotic extremes, and revived the religious spirit, tranquillity and techniques of medieval composers. And far from being ridiculed, these born-again traditionalists have become cult figures. Recordings of Gorecki's Third Symphony and Tavener's cello concerto *The Protecting Veil* have sold hugely.

Tavener's case is all the more remarkable since, in his twenties, he was practically the resident composer to flower-power London. He was befriended by the Beatles, and Ringo paid for his sprawling, psychedelic scores to be recorded on the Apple label. The BBC's festival has resuscitated some radical epics from that era, and they retain their spaced-out charm. For instance, the *Celtic Requiem* (atmospherically performed in the Barbican by the New London Children's Choir, Holst Singers and City of London Sinfonia under Martyn Brabbins) still seems an ingenious fantasy on death rituals. Children's singing-games are juxtaposed with the Catholic requiem, a Victorian hymn, even wailing Irish bagpipes.

Tavener's obsession with death has never left him, although the irony with which it is treated in the *Celtic Requiem* has been increasingly suppressed. Perhaps that is regrettable, but it can partly be explained by his enhanced awareness of his own mortality; he came close to death after major heart surgery two years ago. He also clearly feels a kinship with writers such as Anna Akhmatova or the 16th-century Spanish mystic, St John of the Cross, who have transcended persecution in a way that mirrors the Christian belief in resurrection. Indeed, one can argue that *every* work Tavener has written in the past 20 years is concerned with the moment of rebirth.

He began this exploration with *Ultimos Ritos* (to be performed, as the festival's finale, in Westminster Cathedral tonight). That work is a massive commentary upon the moment in the "Crucifixus" of Bach's B Minor Mass when one astonishing key-change — from the expected minor cadence into the major — seems to evoke the whole mystery of Christ's resurrection.

Twenty years on, Tavener has written what could be regarded as *Ultimos Ritos* in miniature. Called *Song for Athene*, it was commissioned by the BBC and premiered by the BBC Singers under Simon Joly on Saturday.

Athene Hariades was a young Greek actress killed last year. In her memory Tavener has set lines from *Hamlet* and the Orthodox funeral service. The voices rise and fall in simple parallel thirds over a drone. Then, at the end, they turn majestically and movingly from minor to major. As in Bach's "Crucifixus", the meaning is unmistakable — and something poignant, beautiful and truthful is expressed in fewer notes than the average pop song. The composer who can do that richly deserves his own festival.

MALCOLM CROWTHERS



John Tavener at 50: the BBC's Ikons festival, which ends tonight at Westminster Cathedral, is devoted to his religious music

ARTS BRIEFING

Singing honours

CECILIA BARTOLI and Thomas Hampson were declared the singers of the year in the Classical Music Awards held at the Albert Hall in London on Friday. Jose Carreras was deemed the year's musical personality, while the instrumentalist award went to the viola player Yuri Bashmet.

Other musicians honoured included the 12-year-old violinist Sarah Chang (newcomer of the year), the conductor Valery Gergiev and the Kronos Quartet. Lutoslawski's Fourth Symphony, heard at the Proms last summer, was chosen as composition of the year, while the ubiquitous Third Symphony by Gorecki was, perhaps inevitably, declared the "recording of the year".

● **MEANWHILE, the winners of the Shakespeare Globe Classic Awards were announced last night. Selected by a panel chaired by Charles Osborne, the awards went to: Robert Stephens (best actor, for Lear), Penny Downie (best actress, for Portia), Adrian Noble (best director, *Winter's Tale*), Thelma Holt and Matthew Warchus (best production and best newcomer respectively, for *Much Ado about Nothing*), and Dr Rex Gibson, who won the Sam Wanamaker International Shakespeare Globe Award for his Cambridge School Shakespeare Series.**

● MOST unlikely musical combination of the year so far? That accolade must be bestowed on last week's recording sessions in Vienna, when the English conductor John Eliot Gardiner — hitherto best known for the authenticity of his Baroque performances — teamed up for the first time with the Vienna Philharmonic to record Lehár's frothy operetta *The Merry Widow*. The Deutsche Grammophon recording is due out in the autumn.

● **STREET theatre of a very upmarket variety happens in the West End of London at 11.30 this morning, when Sir Derek Jacobi lays a wreath at the Henry Irving Memorial in Irving Street, behind the National Portrait Gallery. It will mark the centenary of the Theatrical Management Association, founded by Irving. The wreath will be made from flowers mentioned in Shakespeare's plays, and will afterwards be displayed in the Irving Room at the Barbican Theatre, where Jacobi is starring in *Macbeth*.**

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THEATRE

Ordinary heroes

The Three Musketeers
Riverside Studios

ONCE upon a time this dashing historical romance may have been staged with a perfect conviction in its ridiculous values. An early-Victorian production at the Lyceum, shortly after the Dumas novel appeared, probably peopled the stage with dedicated swordsmen, a sincerely swashbuckling Buckingham and a queen barely able to move under the weight of her authentic farthingale. "One for all, and all for one!" the heroes cried, and lads in the audience rushed off to become soldiers, even though the nation's fate was never likely to hang upon a pair of diamond studs foolishly given to a foreign lover.

We have not lost our belief in heroes but in the literary conceit that entangles heroism with undying love for a lady. If we still try to take the drama seriously, the task is made impossible by the presence of scheming Cardinal Richelieu (Monty Python must take some blame) and the musketeers' fondness for large feathered hats.

I never expect to see a production that regards the story seriously, but I hope to be offered a better spoofed version than this draggy effort by MTP, the team that devised *Thunderbirds FAB*.

Dumas himself was alert to the comic inaccuracy of the title — there are four musketeers — and did it as a tease. Following his lead, MTP present the play with just three actors. Complex role-hopping means that all three get to play D'Artagnan — for the most part separately but, in the acrobatic antics on the chateau roof, three D'Artagnans are on stage together.

Ominous themes from Tchaikovsky signal passions once considered heartfelt but now mocked with exuberant dance steps or routines with invisible horses. D'Artagnan's steed is named Buttercup, the joke apparently being that she is a cart horse. An inordinate amount of time is wasted while he staggers around with the creature on his shoulders.

Inevitably, several incidents are ingenious, attractive or both. The chaps turn from Cardinal's men to King's men simply by flapping their tabards from red to blue. They act the women well: Robert Thirtle's Milady mysteriously, darkly beautiful; Gavin Robertson's Queen shaking her head over unnamed sorrows; Andrew Dawson's tall Constance tremulously in love.

For me the best moment in *Thunderbirds FAB* was the little scene Dawson created with his fingers. Likewise here, when he delineates a miniature chateau in the air, flags fluttering, portcullis rising, guards stamping to attention — just for an instant something special emerges before the ordinary romp takes over again.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Robertson, Thirtle and Dawson go musketeering

ROCK

Rapped up

THE Tottenham Sound always had more to do with the Dave Clark 5 than with streetwise soul, rap and jazz, but it may be time for a rewrite. North London's Urban Species are enough to give British urban fusion a good name.

Even that description may offend the collective, who resist all labelling and like to lay out their wares as the "Urban Species experience". They also like to dance, rap and dispense sentiments of brotherly love, and squeezed their eight-strong line-up into a sold-out Jazz Café for an exhilarating performance.

Signed to Gilles Peterson's admirable Talkin' Loud stable, in which their cosmopolitan colleagues include jazz-soul aggregation Incognito and French rapper MC Solaar, the band has moved quietly through the ranks, debuting on the label's second sampler with the accomplished piece of hiphop rap "Hide and Seek". After a further single and EP last year, plus extensive live work, they now find themselves in the Radio 1 playlist thanks to the classy soul piece "Spiritual Love".

Live, their success builds on the strong presence of chief rapper Mintos and toaster Doctor Slim, but draws further energy from a splendid back-up team that includes DJ Renegade administering funky samples at his turntables, an impishly agile full-time dancer named Slewfoot, the honey-voiced soul chanteuse Chezere and even an axe-hero-style rock guitarist.

Such a combination of committed spirits meant there was always something to watch and more to listen to: Mintos's peace-and-love raps were intelligently written, genuinely delivered and stay fresh thanks to the contagious rhythms. Chezere's fine vocals gave a sheen to a triumphant performance of "Spiritual Love" and they picked up further points by poking light fun at themselves on an absurd, breakneck version of "The Ropes (Tricks of the Trade)" before settling down to a slower, but no less forceful, rendition. If justice prevails, their forthcoming debut album *Listen* will allow music students everywhere to discover a new Species.

PAUL SEXTON



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LONDON

BACK TO THE FUTURE A unique collaboration between a two-man comedian and one of the country's funniest alternative cabaret acts. Mark Thomas and Barry Cryer may be a team familiar to radio audiences but tonight marks their first full live show. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Tonight, 8.30pm (S)

LONDON PHILHARMONIC The orchestra's International Series opens season opens this evening with a Viennese concert conducted by music director Franz Welser-Most. The programme includes works by Johann and Josef Strauss, opens with Schumann's Symphony No 1 'Spring' and closes with Suppé's *Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna*. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm (S)

RENAISSANCE FLORENCE The show which so grandly evokes the age of Lorenzo de' Medici — Florence in the latter half of the 15th century — has been extended to Feb 27. Included are important paintings, Medici furniture, documents, reconstructions of the garden where Michelangelo was given his first chances as a sculptor, and the contents of a private treasure house. **Accademia Italiana**, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3741). Mon-Sat, 10am-6.30pm (Wed to 8pm). Sun midday-5.30pm

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

LEEDS Opera North has produced a [illegible] revival of Verdi's *La Traviata*. Mon is the pity as the cast, including Michael Chance, Peter Dickson and Lynda Russell-Anderson, is such a [illegible]. **Grand Theatre**, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351 [illegible]). Tonight and Thurs, 7.15pm; Sat, 6.15pm (S)

MANCHESTER An evening of [illegible] contemporary music is on [illegible] today from the **Goldberg Ensemble**. The programme includes Michael Finnissy's *Yellow Pages*, Karen Tanaka's *Homage on Crystal*, Lyall Thomson's *The Pumpkin Massacre* and the UK premiere of Russell Currie's *Cat Nap*. **Royal Northern College of Music**, Oxford Road (061-273 4504). Tonight, 7.30pm (S)

SOUTHEND The well-travelled Moscow City Ballet continues its UK tour with performances of [illegible]'s classics *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*. Igor Savruk conducts the National Ballet Orchestra. **Cliffs Pavilion** (0702 351135) *Swan Lake* Tonight, Tue and Wed. *Nutcracker* Thurs, Fri and Sat. Evening performances at 7.30pm and mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm (S)

OXFORD Direct from St Petersburg, the outrageous five-strong theatre ensemble **Lioudel 5** combine the best traditions of Russian clowning with a strong satirical edge. **Pegasus**, Magdalen Road (S) (0865 722851). Tonight, 8pm. Then in **Oundle**, Stahl (0832 273930), Tues and Wed, and **Cambridge**, The Junction (S) (0223 412600), Thurs.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican, All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) . . . **Festival Hall**: Photographs of Sebastião Salgado (071-928 3002) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII; The Portrait Now (071-306 0055) . . . **National Gallery**: David's portrait of the Viscomtesse Vilain XIII and her Daughter (071-839 3321) . . . **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World; The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) . . . **Royal College of Art**: John Minton (071-584 5020) . . . **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

(S) House full, returns only
(S) Some seats available
( ) Seats at all prices

☐ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY** Feydeau farcical plans a harassed wife. Griff Rhys Jones, a manic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **CAROUSEL** Tuneful Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar hallmarks of the perceptive and the maudlin. The seats are clever. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm (S)

■ **THE CAVALCADERS** Billy Roche's nearly-good play about the dangers of never forgetting the past. Dublin's Abbey Theatre production. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Feb 5

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 9.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm (S)

◪ **MACHINAL** Fiona Shaw, a moving heroine in Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil reaches the core of the drama. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm, mat Tues, 2.15pm (S)

◪ **MEDEA** Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge, directed by Jonathan Kent. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5.30pm

☐ **OLEANNA:** Denis Lawson and Michelle Farley have taken over the leads in Mamet's tale of power politics and punishment at an American university.

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 4pm (S)

◪ **PIAF** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is [illegible] than marvellous. **Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (071-[illegible]). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (& Thurs in Sept-Nov) and Sat 3pm

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES** Susan Hampshire, Alison Fiske and Sarah Brightman in a strong cast in Coward's not-so-bright but clever comedy. **Savoy**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm (S)

☐ **SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER** Sparkling cast for the revival of Jeremy Sams' riotous production of Sternheim's [illegible] about a [illegible] quartet is obliged to [illegible] to recruit a virtuoso. Jasmin Savoy leads the almost [illegible]. Recommended. **Greenwich**, Greenwich Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 26 (S)

☐ **SEPTEMBER TIDE** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End with Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law. **Comedy**, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm

☐ **SUICIDE & MANIPULATION:** The initials are S & M and the subject is [illegible]

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats**, New London (071-405 0072) . . . ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease**, Dominion (071-580 9845) . . . ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) . . . ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

NEW RELEASES

BHAJI ON THE BEACH (15) Laboured, well-meaning ethnic comedy about Asian women on a day trip to Blackpool. Director, Gurinder Chadha. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148); **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

CALENDAR Stimulating puzzle picture from Atom Egoyan, cast as a photographer taking photos in Armenia. **ICA** (071-930 3647)

HEAVEN AND EARTH (15) A Vietnam peasant girl's war experiences, clumsily translated by Oliver Stone. With Hiep Thi Le and Tommy Lee Jones. **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772); **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636); **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279); **Trocadero** (071-434 0031); **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3333); **Warner** (071-439 4343)

THE HOUR OF THE PIG (15) Medieval romp with serious trimmings, ideal for BBC2. With Colin Firth, Nicol Williamson, director, Leslie Megahey. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096); **Haymarket** (071-839 1527); **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148); **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666); **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057); **Warner** (071-439 4343)

MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY (PG) Woody Allen and Diane Keaton turn amateur sleuths. Benign, inveterate comedy with Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston. **Barbican** (071-638 8891); **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443); **Gate** (071-727 2043); **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096); **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353); **Swiss Cottage** (0426-914093); **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **TOMBSTONE** (15) Unremarkable [illegible] of the OK Corral, with Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer and Dana Delany. Director [illegible]

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Bill Putman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller; director, Harold Becker. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096); **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310); **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666); **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057); **West End** (0426-915 574); **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama; Eastwood also directs. **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772); **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636); **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310); **Trocadero** (071-434 0031); **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 9705); **Warner** (071-437 4343); **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

PROVIDENCE (15): Alain Resnais's elegant enigma of 1977, with John Gielgud as the dying writer weaving his family (Dirk Bogarde and others) into his fiction. **Everyman** (071-435 1525); **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, James Fox and Christopher Reeve. **Curzons: Mayfair** (071-465 8865); **West End** (071-439 4805); **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666); **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS** (PG): Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Patrick Stewart, Isaac Hayes and Tracey Ullman. **Odeon Mezzanine** (S) (0426 915683)

STRANGER THAN PARADISE (15): Laconic tale of the American dream. Jim Jarmusch's first feature, still bracing today. With John Lurie, Eszter Balint. **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

CURRENT

◆ **ANOTHER STAKEOUT** (PG): Re-run [illegible] of Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez, a bantering cops' comedy and action for the easily pleased. Director, John Badham. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666); **Leicester Square** (0426 915683)

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al Pacino [illegible] straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn and Penelope Ann Miller. **Empire** [illegible] (071 437 3568); **MGMs Fulham Road** (071 370 2636); **Trocadero** (071 434 0031); **UCI Whiteleys** (071 792 3332)

◆ **FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE** (15): Chen Kaige's [illegible] a [illegible] of dazzling visuals. Recent Chinese history with Leslie Cheung and Gong Li. **Barbican** (071-638 8891); **Chelsea Cinema** [illegible]; **Lumiere** (071-[illegible]); **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 [illegible]); **Renoir** (071-837 8402); **Screen Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **MALICE** (15): Alec Baldwin's not-[illegible] shatters Nicole Kidman and [illegible]

OPERA: Rodney Milnes enjoys a delightful revival of a Chabrier comedy at Opera North

French recipe for wicked fun

L'Etoile
Grand, Leeds

DONALD COOPER



Pamela Helen Stephen's impersonation of a cloth-capped, broad-Scots street vendor remains irresistible

IT IS safe to say that there is nothing in Chabrier's operetta calculated to bring a blush to the cheek of even the most impressionable Hackney schoolchild: a transvestite hero, bags of sexual harassment, sadistic torture scenes and enough anal imagery to satisfy the most blasé inhabitant of the Cities of the Plain. Yet not a rude word all evening — the work's wide-eyed innocence is the most corrupt thing about it, until the game is given away by the cascade of *double entendres* in the libretto, so faithfully rendered in Jeremy Sams's equally innocent translation packed with internal rhymes worthy of Sondheim himself.

Opera North's revival is all that a revival should be, ie, even better than the original of 1991. Phyllida Lloyd has returned to rehearse her brilliant production, one that performs that most difficult of operations — the grafting of a zany British comic style on to a piece that is as French (and spicy) as saucisse de Toulouse. The cast executes it with iron discipline, and a company — not to mention a director — that can perform this soufflé one evening and Lloyd's production of *Gloriana* the next with equal aplomb is one to be reckoned with.

There are some newcomers to the cast. Paul Nilon, hitherto encountered mostly as Tamino or Almaviva, reveals unsuspected comic gifts as King Ouf I, as well as singing the music as carefully as if it were by Mozart. His diction is pointed and clear. And Jonathan Best, a known comedian (his Count in *The Secret Marriage* last year happily remembered), makes an ideally lugubrious court astrologer.

Otherwise, how nice it is to re-encounter such expert comics, their interpretations honed to fresh vocal incisiveness, as Mary Hegarty (the eponymously daffy Princess Laoula), Kate Flowers (all pursed lips and raised eyebrows as the ambassador's wife), Alan Oke (her husband), and Mark Curtis as quite the unlikeliest of co-respondents. All fall upon Lloyd's dizzy inventions with infectious relish.

The delicious Pamela Helen Stephen is now much more secure vocally in the trickily written trouser-role of Lazuli — I would like her swoony account of the title-song on a tape-loop in the hereafter, please — and her impersonation of a cloth-capped, broad-Scots street vendor is as irresistible as ever.

But the chief architect of this revival's success is in the pit, the Swiss conductor Valentin Reymond. Busy both at home and in Nantes, where his repertory has included half the *Ring*, Britten and Poulenc, he was here making his British debut. He knows well that the secret of this cornucopially funny music is absolute precision, absolute clarity of texture, and the straightest of faces. Orchestra (some really neat bassoon playing) and chorus responded with a will and did full justice to the sheer genius — no other word will do — of Chabrier.

An evening of pleasure unalloyed. There is an "enhanced" concert performance on the South Bank on February 9 — if you can get in for bus-loads of Hackney schoolkids, that is.

CONCERT: Memorable 18th-century chamber music

The perfect marriage?

Quatuor Mosaïques
Wigmore Hall

IT WAS once said that anyone listening to the music of Boccherini might well imagine that the composer had never known any music but his own. "Haydn's wife", a contemporary instrumentalist called this gentle and whimsical musician; though quite what that implies in terms of assumptions and preconceptions about the music of both men, it would take rather more space than this review to investigate.

Suffice it to say that any excuse to focus ear and spirit on the delicate, highly-wrought and ever intriguing chamber music of this Italian is to be welcomed. And to be led there by an ensemble of musicians as sentient and imaginative as the Quatuor Mosaïques compounds the pleasure.

Their long weekend of a Haydn-Boccherini festival began on Thursday with a concert of two of Boccherini's hundred string quartets and, in their midst, Haydn at his most austere, in his Op 103 D minor String Quartet. Boccherini was himself a cellist, and it certainly shows.

The Mosaïques' own Christophe Coin shared with guest cellist Roel Dieltens the joy of such moments as the opening of the C major Quintet (G 318), a line of trilling melody dropped like a yo-yo, only to bob up, in its ascendant, in the voice of the violin. Their moment of glory came in the three-movement Sonata in A major for two cellos: solemn as a Bach partita and floating, almost imperceptibly, between the mood of solo song with bass accompaniment, and a languidly eloquent conversation between equals. Boccherini loved to exploit the tenor register of the cello, and to try out its harmonics too: under the fingers of Coin and Dieltens the result was bewitching.

The String Quintet in G minor (G 318) had acted as Boccherini's visiting card. Each member of the quintet was minutely tuned to the dynamism of its filigree textures. And the group's own characteristically keen hearing and sophisticated phrasing re-created wonderfully the fusion of nervous energy and melancholy passion unique to Boccherini. Fragments of short phrases broke off like fine splinters of glass, as melody, rhythm and harmony seemed indivisible.

Throughout the evening the audience seemed to sense that playing at a slightly lower, 18th-century pitch in the most subtly attuned way was good for the instruments, the music, and for them. This will surely be remembered as one of the great weekends of the year at the Wigmore Hall.

HILARY FINCH

COMEDY: Postmodernism's answer to Pam Ayres

Rhyme and unreason

John Hegley's Winter Warmer
Bloomsbury

BRINGING comic poetry to the people, John Hegley is the depressed 1990s answer to Pam Ayres. Chirpiness is out of the window. Deadpan dourness is in. Hegley has traces of a wretched pen-pusher and a wimpy schoolboy in his grey suit and National Health glasses. He makes you grin by reproachfully raising his eyebrows, seemingly disappointed by the audience's failure to cheer his knowingly atrocious couplets.

"Thanks a lot," he mutters begrudgingly like an awkward adolescent when we do applaud, then headmasterishly chastises a big laugh: "Now there's no need to be stupid." Nigel, a guitarist of covert panache, who shambles on to accompany Hegley in song, is even more miserable. He hardly opens his mouth all evening. These days, being down in the dumps is a hysterical affair.

Hegley's humour, though he looks like Buddy Holly, involves postmodern manicness. He makes a hash of a puppet play starring two potatoes, and dashes us through some rubbish drawings he did earlier. He preaches against contact lenses as a "denial of the other", whisks around pretending to be a steam engine and, tripping over his words, spins off into gibberish ("bit of Martian poetry there").

Fundamentally though, Hegley's anecdotal stand-up and nonsense verses make light both of pessimism and pretentiousness. "This is a song about the misery of human existence," he announces grandly, then teasingly gives us next-to-nothing to get our teeth into: "Life is like a cream doughnut/ Without any cream/ And without any doughnut." He spoofs the singing styles of Morrissey and Billy Bragg while flailing his limbs around like a train-spotter trying to do the locomotion. He burlesques serious poetry readings, rolling his Rs and making an absolute meal out of assonance. His arsis is all over the place and his afflatus produces terrifically awful poetic strains.

Snappier doggerel is hard to come by but the satirical bite does not go deep. A dig at British Rail privatisation and a condom song struck a chord. As the evening wore on, however, I began to suspect Pam Ayres was pithier. It is a cause for great celebration that a poet can pack out the Bloomsbury Theatre. Hegley, an artistic phenomenon and a very entertaining performer, certainly has the material for an extended set here. All the same, a two-hour show is stretching it.

KATE BASSETT

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Anne McElvoy charts the rise of women journalists, from outlandish exceptions a hundred years ago to a fact of media life

A kind of monster

BATTLING FOR NEWS
The Rise of the Woman Reporter
By Anne Sebba
Hodder & Stoughton, £19.99



Pioneers: Adie (left) and Cowles

When Henrietta Stackpole in Henry James's *Portrait of a Lady* travels to England, her host Ralph Touchett is apprehensive at the prospect of meeting this mutation of nature: a woman reporter. "She must be a kind of monster," he muses. "A female interviewer — a reporter in petticoats?" This is an exhaustive account of women's battle to join a profession dominated since its inception by men: the heartening and varied tale of the metamorphosis — in less than a century — of the female journalist from outlandish exception to an unremarkable fact of media life.

The Guardian's Suzanne Moore still felt compelled to protest in a recent polemic that men tend to be entrusted with reporting and analysing policy and events because they are prized for the clarity of their minds. Women, by contrast, are nudged towards "human interest" stories because they are good listeners and sensitive souls. As this account ably demonstrates, however, the profession was only opened up to women thanks to their determination to become involved in the reporting of wars, disasters and political campaigns.

For independently-minded women at the turn of the century, journalism provided an escape from social constraints or unhappy marriages. Lady Sarah Wilson, daughter of the Duke of Marlborough, fled to South Africa in 1899 to escape the tedium of the London social season, and reported the siege of Mafeking for the *Daily Mail*. But editors, while they grudgingly accepted stories from women in far-flung places, were still wary of having them around in their London offices, a climate which (as one male novelist remarked in 1909) was apt to make them "bitter and rather hard . . . you cannot wash off the stains of Fleet Street."

The suffragette movement inspired many women writers, and finally convinced editors that certain home stories also called for the feminine touch: but there was still considerable resistance on the part of both their employers and the Army to using them as official correspondents in the First World War. Spain provided the turning point for female war reporters, who were able to use the radical commitments of the socialists as a lever to further their claims to equality in the press pack.

Two of the century's outstanding women journalists, Martha Gellhorn and Virginia Cowles, went on to make their lasting mark on this fertile journalistic landscape. Both, of course, were open to the charge of using their looks and charms to gain stories; neither gave a hoot. Several of the women interviewed by Anne Sebba admit to using their feminine wiles in their work. Rarely has a fuss been made about the masculine wiles of shared sporting or drinking interests, let alone the old school tie or regiment.

Journalism is essentially a meritocracy, in which many different talents are equally valid and useful. An intellectual such as Sheila Grant-Duff, who tirelessly opposed appeasement, traded on her powers of analysis, the redoubtable Clare Hollingworth on her bravery. The preternaturally competitive Anne Sharpley, who covered Suez for the *Evening Standard*, was not above pulling out the telephone wire after she had filed to scupper the chances of competitors to match her story. Cowles sought out high-level contacts with such prodigious skill that, when she complained directly to Eisenhower that she was being denied access to the front line, she received the memorable reply, "Miss Cowles can go where she likes."

The author does not overlook the toll of the profession on women: there are sobering accounts of destroyed marriages, guilt-ridden relationships with children and full-scale breakdowns resulting from life under the Damocles' Sword of the daily deadline. It is a form of stress which, as the psychiatrist who treated Anne Sharpley after her collapse remarked, "is exactly how they introduce neurosis in rats".

The single most frustrating aspect of *Battling for News* is that it ends too early, with descriptions of the last generation of women to see themselves as pioneers, such as Kate "We can't start without her" Adie, or Diana Goodman, who in 1986 became the first woman to run a foreign bureau for the BBC.

Although she includes the events of 1989 in her account, she greatly under-represents the number of young women who reported them and over-estimates their rarity value. Few women under 40 are interviewed in the whole account, which makes it feel somewhat dated. I should have liked to read a more thorough treatment of Yugoslavia — the first war, I believe, in which women correspondents stopped being an oddity and became, for better or worse, just other names on the Bosnia rota.

● *Anne McElvoy, presently Times bureau chief in Moscow, has reported from East Berlin, Croatia and Bosnia.*

Gardens as landscape paintings

Marcus Binney

THE WORLD HERITAGE OF GARDENS
By Dušan Ogrin
Thames & Hudson, £24.95



A example of the Baroque garden, the Ladies' Basin is circled by a walk of beech-trees clipped to imitate pillars and arches at Beloeil in Belgium

The best ideas in garden design are often the simplest. From the many superb photographs in this lavish book here are some which stand out: beeches clipped into pencil-thin columns at Beloeil; swooping topiary walls at the Villa Celsa; gently humped garden bridges covered with turf or edged with moss in Japan; a broad, calm stepped canal at Courances; pairs of single fountain jets over-arching the Long Pool at the Generalife; the beauty of miniature islands studded with trees and of lawns sloping to the very edge of the water; modern housing completely hidden behind clipped creeper in Denmark; an arch of rocks over the lake at Kromlau; and the grass pyramid at Branitz in which Prince Pückler-Muskau was buried.

This book has the noble aim of establishing gardening as a major part of cultural history. Yet the examples chosen only half prove this point. The question for debate is whether the design of great gardens is substantially a branch of architecture or whether landscape gardening should be considered an art form in its own right.

Much of the visual appeal of medieval monastery gardens, as well as mosque gardens, lies in the beauty of the cloisters around them. The formal style of gardening in both Italy and France depends heavily on architectural forms and features terraces, balustrades, steps, cascades and fountains — while in China and Japan artfully contrived rocks and exquisitely raked gravel play a comparable role. Even in English landscape gardens there is a tendency for the temples and follies to take over every vista.

Strictly speaking, it should be perfectly possible to create a great and beautiful garden using only living material, trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses.

A truly artistic gardener must be architect, painter and sculptor, yet be able to work without brick or stone, pigment or statuary. Hedges and grass create a sense of both space and enclosure. Nature itself provides a range of colour and texture, in leaves as well as flowers, richer than any paintbox, whether you are looking for harmony or for contrast. Pruning can be practised with as much art as topiary.

Paint your prospects, said Pope, a skill in which the Japanese can excel above all others. The Moss garden at Saiho-ji is one of dozens in Kyoto presenting a continuing series of perfectly framed pictures whichever way you look.

The book also prompts the question of whether a major contemporary style exists in gardening parallel to modernism in architecture or abstraction in art.

The Vicomte de Noailles's cubist Guévrékian garden in Provence was very much a loner, and like many consciously modern gardens relied on gravels and containers. Another ingenious example (alas hideous in colour) consists of rainbow-coloured bands of flowers interlaced like ribbons along a hillside. This is the creation of a painter and the landscape architect Hans Luz who also designs artificial trees consisting of stands overflowing with pots of geraniums.

Tribute is paid to the spectacular garden restorations and recreations of recent decades — Painshill in England, Het Loo in Holland and Gunston Hall in Virginia. The great cascades at Saint-Cloud and Sceaux show that gardens can survive even when the great houses they once adorned have vanished.

If anyone still needs convincing that Hyde Park would be an infinitely better place if no tall buildings overlooked it, let them study Professor Ogrin's view of Prospect Park in New York, a sylvan valley where not a single skyscraper is to be seen.

PAPERBACKS

THEORY OF WAR
By Joan Brady
Abacus, £6.99

AMERICAN-born Brady, who recently won the Whitbread Novel Award, has used her own grandfather's life to tell the excruciating story of "bounden boy" Jonathan Carrick, sold into white slavery for $25 after the American Civil War. Jonathan's life as a victim of this rarely acknowledged aspect of American history is a struggle first for self-preservation and then dignity, but his lifelong hatred for his master's son overtakes him to destroy them both. This is an allegory of the human condition told in a passionate voice.

HOLLYWOOD VS AMERICA
By Michael Medved
HarperCollins, £7.99

MEDVED'S fiery diatribe against Hollywood was dismissed by many last year as the frustrated outpourings of a bewildered reactionary. Certainly his style is trenchant, somewhat crude and a little humourless. Yet no one who has more than a passing knowledge of contemporary cinema ought to be able to disagree with his central contention that, today, our moral sensibilities are under assault from a relentless and insidious barrage of screen sex and violence. More than ever it seems that, rotten with decadence, Hollywood lacks the vitality to be sensuous. Medved's is a welcome voice raised in protest against modern cant.

ROUND ABOUT A POUND A WEEK
By Maud Pember Reeves
Virago, £7.99

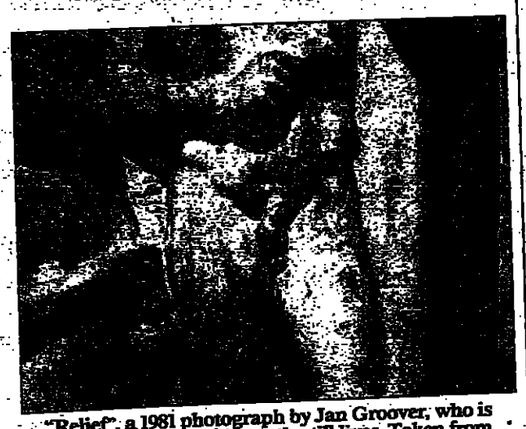
THIS pioneering survey of the lives of the London working class was made by a group of Fabian women who descended on the households of Lambeth in the four years before the outbreak of the First World War. This detailed record of grossly overcrowded families existing in small damp rooms, mainly on a diet of bread, marge and scrag ends, is made more shocking by the fact that these people were not at the bottom of the social ladder. They were the deserving poor, eking out an existence on a wage of about a pound a week. The patterns of poverty in this book are still familiar. It is as disturbing now as when it first shocked complacent, moralising, late Edwardian England.

● *Contributors: Katherine Bergen, Jason Cowley, Hazel Leslie*

Master mistresses

Fiona Pitt-Kethley

THE PENGUIN BOOK OF GAY SHORT STORIES
Edited by David Leavitt and Mark Mitchell
Viking, £15.99



"Relief", a 1981 photograph by Jan Groover, who is best known for her dramatic still lives. Taken from *Jan Groover: Photographs* (Little, Brown, £37.50)

I started reading *The Penguin Book of Gay Short Stories* with grave misgivings. Should authors be grouped by their sexuality? By the time I got to the end of David Leavitt's thoughtful introduction, most of my initial misgivings had evaporated.

While the anthology is centred on the homosexual experience of life, the authors are both men and women, straight and gay. It proves above all that gay men can be everything else besides — gender or vicious, athletic or fudgy, responsible or irresponsible, creative or dull. Some characters have good relationships with women, others do not. Some are lonely, some are gregarious.

Leavitt and Mitchell have limited their choice to 20th-century works written in English. Most are short stories, though there are a few extracts from novels. We start with D.H. Lawrence's exploration of male tenderness set against the English countryside and end with A.M. Homes. Her piece about a boy's erotic play with his younger sister's Barbie doll is comic and unforgettable. Barbie talks back with lines like: "Hey, big fly, don't I even get a Hello?" Some of the early pieces are concerned with the unfairness of the law towards homosexuals. E.M. Forster paints a vivid portrait of an unlucky milkman in a canary yellow shirt who gets caught while his gentleman partner gets away scot free. The gentleman is racked with guilt, but realises that owning up will not save the man. Stories from later periods deal with closet gays who do not run the risk of arrest for their activities, yet choose to keep them secret from their wives and families.

Most of the pieces from the last ten years centre on the reaction of the gay community to deaths from Aids. Humour is mixed with pathos. Allen Barnett has his group of gay men going for gastronomic weekends together — devouring gourmet meals could lessen the most obvious wasting effects of Aids. Some of the group are healthy, some infected. It's a vivid portrait. Sadly, Barnett died not long after writing the one novel that it comes from.

Leavitt and Mitchell have been careful to choose a good many pieces which celebrate the normality of gay men. Most of the heroes are surrounded by love and affection from family or friends. However, J.R. Ackerley, who states that his love-life began with "a golliwog and ended with an Alsatian bitch", comes over as singularly cold.

Most of the chosen writers are strong on description of the male form in its many permutations. John Cheever's enjoyable story of a prison escape comments, in passing, on the variety of penises on view in the communal lavatory: "black, white, red, yellow, lavender, brown, warty, wrinkled, comely, and silken". There is a sensuality in the writing rarely found in heterosexual novels.

In his introduction Leavitt charts his early reading of gay literature and his own reaction against the kind of books that give the impression that sex is only for the beautiful. The country that produced Hollywood has a lot to answer for in this respect. I am thankful for an anthology that gives a different view by celebrating the diversity of human appearance and sexuality.

The diary of a single mother

Christina Koning

ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS
The Journals of Elizabeth Smart, Vol 2
Edited by Alice Van Wart
HarperCollins, £14.99

Elizabeth Smart's literary reputation rests on a single work: a highly charged, intensely solipsistic account of an adulterous love affair, *By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept*. First published in 1945, the novella was an instant success: achieving notoriety when (in a campaign orchestrated by the author's mother) it was banned in Canada, and later acquiring a cult following which has kept it in print ever since.

By Grand Central Station describes the early stages of the author's lifelong relationship with the poet George Barker, and was written when Smart was pregnant with the first of their four children, at a time when Barker was temporarily reconciled with his wife. This pattern, as Smart's journals show, was to recur throughout their affair. Much of the material collected in *Necessary Secrets*, the first volume of her journals, was transposed — often without much alteration — into her fictional account.

Smart's journals were in fact her working notebooks, in which she recorded moods, impressions and ideas for poems and stories, as well as the day-to-day minutiae of her life. But whereas the early journals, covering the years 1933-1941, are packed with incident, chronicling the writer's travels around Europe and America, as well as the beginning of her romance with Barker, the later ones, written between 1941 and 1986, are less eventful. During much of this period Smart was occupied with the demands of her growing family; the rest of her time, to judge from this account of it, was divided between her journalism and coping with the intermittent visits of her lover.

Unsurprisingly, perhaps, she found little time for her own writing. The extraordinary success of her first book seems also to have inhibited her — so much so that it was not until 30 years later that she produced a second work. These journals reflect Smart's repeated attempts to get the better of her writer's block: that daily battle with "despair and despondency and the blank page" which became, increasingly, her main subject.

The prevailing mood of these collected writings is one of frustration and self-doubt — an impression doubtless exaggerated by the fact that Smart only seems to have written at length when she was unhappy; otherwise confining herself to brief notes about children's illnesses and shopping trips, which make rather duller reading.

Alice Van Wart has made a workmanlike job of condensing and annotating the material at her disposal (some 158 notebooks in all) in order to produce this book and its companion volume. Despite these editorial interventions, however, one is left with the feeling that there is not enough of substance here, either in terms of biographical interest or of literary merit, to justify such extensive treatment.

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Sweet success and bitter pill

Britain's money spinning drugs industry is under threat at home and abroad, reports **Sarah Bagnall**


BRUCE AYRES

A pharmacist gives advice: the UK pharmaceutical giants are Glaxo, SmithKline Beecham, Wellcome, Zeneca, Boots and Fisons

Britain's pharmaceutical industry has had a balance of trade surplus every year for the past 41 years and has breezed through two-and-a-half years of recession without batting an eyelid.

The industry is expected to contribute an international trade surplus of about £1.5 billion in 1993, an improvement of £200 million from the previous year and a far cry from the £31 million surplus of 1951. Exports have grown steadily during the past decade, rising from £978 million in 1982 to £3 billion in 1992, placing the industry in second place behind power-generating machinery in overseas earnings.

In sharp contrast, Britain's manufacturing industry made a trade deficit of £10.1 billion for the tenth year running in 1992. This equals a daily deficit of £28 million.

The drug industry owes its success to a highly innovative history coupled with a healthy investment in research and development. This is reflected by UK companies having six drugs among the top 20 revenue-earning drugs in the world. Glaxo tops the list with the anti-ulcer remedy Zantac, the world's biggest selling drug, earning more than £2.1 billion of sales in the last financial year.

The other top selling medicines are Ventolin, the asthma drug produced by Glaxo; Zovirax, Wellcome's anti-viral treatment; Tagamet, SmithKline Beecham's anti-ulcer drug with almost identical action to Zantac; Augmentin, SB's antibiotic; and Tenormin, the heart drug produced by Zeneca.

These drugs have helped British companies feature among the top drug companies in the world. Of the top 50 companies, six are British, 15 American, ten Japanese, seven German and four Swiss. The UK giants are Glaxo, SmithKline Beecham, Wellcome, Zeneca, Boots and Fisons.

But there are threats to the industry's long-term profitability. Competition is fierce — with product replacement becoming increasingly rapid. As the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) admits, "There can be little doubt that the pre-eminent position of the UK pharmaceutical industry today is being seriously challenged by our international trading rivals".

One of the threats facing drug companies is healthcare reform in all of the world's six largest pharmaceutical markets — the US, Japan, Germany, France, Italy and the UK. Ballooning current account deficits have intensified governments' intentions to make swingeing cuts to the cost of providing healthcare.

The most significant changes have been in America and Germany. The Seehofer reforms in Germany have reduced the total market sales of drugs by 21 per cent, while in Italy the De Lorenzo reforms have limited total market growth to 3.4 per cent in the year to April 1993.

According to the ABPI, government actions have severe knock-on effects for drug companies. The UK government's unexpected move to amend the "limited list" scheme, restricting further the range of medicines available to National Health Service patients, is estimated to cost the industry £400 million a year in lost sales.

> 'Japan has begun to buy up the European arms of drug companies'

This, coupled with other changes, threatens to choke off the funds available to the industry for research and development. The stockbroking house Paribas Capital Markets maintains that new products are critical to future earnings growth. "It follows that a strong correlation exists between future earnings and what companies spend in research and development today," it says.

The ABPI agrees. "Failure to maintain research and innovation will destroy the UK industry's competitive place in the world market," it adds.

Another threat to the UK drugs industry is the decline in educational standards at home. The increasing anti-science bias is causing concern among companies that the country's scientific research base is being devalued. Some scientists are beginning to up sticks and depart overseas and as a result most of the new wave of innovative products are beginning to emerge abroad.

"The drug industry in the UK has thrived on a very sound scientific base," says Ben Hayes the ABPI. "There are concerns that the UK will not be as successful in providing scientists in the future."

Attempts by Japan to inject life into its flagging pharmaceutical sector are causing small and very distant rumblings of concern.

Japanese companies, such as Yamanuchi, have begun to buy up the European manufacturing arms of drug companies. Pharmaceuticals is Japan's only industry which has consistently made a trade deficit.

Japan's pharmaceuticals trade deficit with the UK alone was £134 million in 1992 having exported £28 million and imported £162 million. This compares to exports to the UK in 1982 of £2 million and imports from the UK of £49 million.

Agency promises to open Europe

The EC's new medicines advisory body starts work next year and should help cut delays in licensing new drugs

Drug companies want a system of pan-European licensing for new products, so that they can avoid having to plough through time consuming bureaucratic systems in each country, *writes Sarah Bagnall.*

Towards that end, a new agency, the European Medicines Evaluation Agency (EMEA), is to open in London from the beginning of next year. EMEA, seen as the second biggest prize for British business in last year's carve up of the Euro-institutions, will control the EC-wide drug licensing system and the safety of medicines.

EMEA will monitor the effectiveness and quality of medicines in the EC, as well as stimulate innovation and technical co-operations between member states.

> Licensing delays can add to the costs

Drug companies hope that the agency, which will initially employ 150 people will cut the regulatory delays in getting the go-ahead for new products. At present a company may have to wait three years before gaining approval.

Dr George Butler, the head of international regulatory development at Zeneca, says: "We would like to have our products introduced across the EC within a 12-month period of an application."

Procedures need to be quick, as patent laws mean that the revenue-generating years of a product can be curtailed by slow licensing approvals. This is of grave concern to companies, as it restricts the time they have to recoup the hefty costs involved in developing a drug.

Companies will still be able to submit new drugs to a single member state, but when they want a simultaneous EC licence, they will have to go to the agency, just as American firms have to go through the US Food and Drug Administration. EMEA operates a centralised procedure for biotechnology products and other "high-tech" medicines and a decentralised procedure for all other medicines, where approval by one member state will be recognised by all other member states.

If any member state rejects a new medicine, the decision on whether to grant a drug a licence will pass to the agency's committee for proprietary medicinal products, comprising two representatives from each member state and two from the EC.

The committee's recommendation then requires approval by a standing committee which operates under a weighted EC voting system.

Similarly, if one member state wants to withdraw a licence from a product, the agency has a mechanism for dealing with the request and the resulting decision will apply throughout the EC.

Dr Roger Bolton, the regulatory policy manager at Zeneca, says: "It is all or nothing." This will remove anomalies thrown up by the present system. Last June, for instance, the United Kingdom decided to delist Halcion, a sleeping pill produced by Upjohn, on safety grounds. The drug had not been marketed in Britain since October 1991. However, the product is still available in other EC countries.

EMEA's rules mean that any country concerned about the safety of a drug can take steps to protect its own country, perhaps taking immediate action to ban the drug's distribution. However, the final decision by EMEA is binding. So if the agency says the drug must stay, that overrides the country's first decision.

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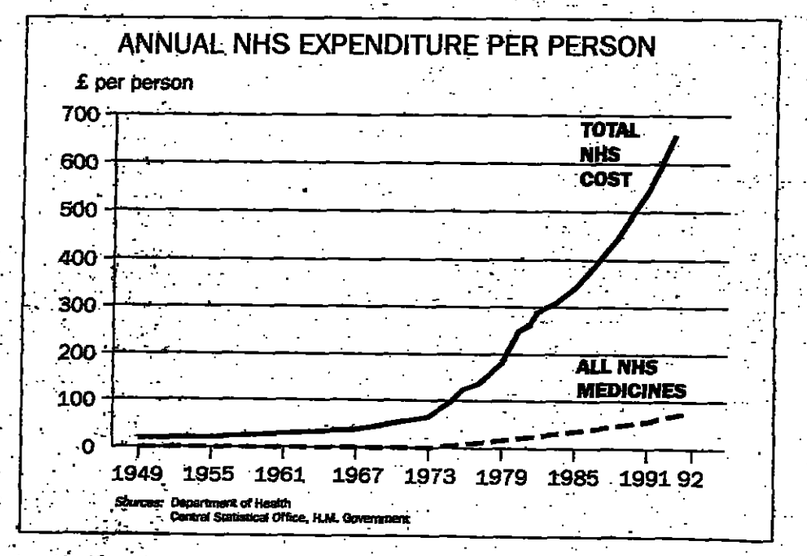
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The NHS Drugs Bill – seen in perspective

'The NHS Drugs Bill is currently running at seven times the rate of inflation – that is simply unacceptable.'

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, speaking at the Conservative Women's conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, on June 5, 1993.



The chart shown above demonstrates that over the years NHS medicines expenditure has risen at a much lower rate than NHS costs generally. But for this therapeutic 'conservatism', higher expenditures on medicines would undoubtedly have produced considerably greater savings throughout the rest of the National Health Service.

When it comes to curtailing health care costs, medicines are the *solution* not the problem.

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The price of health

Bill Cater reports on the industry's response to ministerial threats of reductions in NHS spending on drugs

Seen from Whitehall, it probably looked like being a popular show, with that nice Virginia Bottomley as heroine and greedy drug firms and over-prescribing doctors as the baddies. Mrs Bottomley would administer a few firm smacks and save lots of money, and nearly everyone would go home happy, especially the Treasury.

But the latest bout of the long-running argument between the Department of Health, doctors and the pharmaceutical industry has not worked out that way. So far, the drug companies have been able to appear as bright people with patients' interests at heart and a desire to turn an honest million or so. Mrs Bottomley and her department, on the other hand, have been made to appear penny-pinching, putting short-term gains above patients' health.

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The Government's strong medicine has cut NHS drug bills

It all began back in 1992, when Mrs Bottomley, in a speech to medical journalists, declared she wanted more people treated, waiting times cut, better quality services and "to apply the brake to the soaring rise in the NHS drugs bill".

The drugs bill, at £3 billion and increasing at 12 per cent every year, she said, was rising faster than NHS costs as a whole. Mrs Bottomley added that she would like to negotiate a new pricing scheme; she hoped she could maintain voluntary arrangements and she would be fair while striking a hard bargain. In fact, prices were cut by 2.5 per cent, less than some in the industry feared, but profits, says the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), were cut hard.

> The drugs bill is rising faster than NHS costs as a whole

Mrs Bottomley was also going to look for ways to tackle over-prescribing ("the volume of unused and unwanted medicines in the bathroom cabinets of the nation is testimony to a serious problem") and welcomed the increase in generic prescribing — prescribing the drug, not a particular maker's branded, often dearer version.

The drug companies say this all makes it hard to recover the cost of a new drug, between £100 million and £150 million, thus hampering medical progress.

Over-prescribing? On the contrary, says the ABPI, by European standards British doctors under-prescribe, depriving patients of more costly but more effective new medicines.

Mrs Bottomley's NHS Selected List is unpopular, too. This bars drugs that a panel of experts considers too expensive, compared with others with the same effect. Doctors dislike it because it suggests some far-away expert knows more about old Mrs Brown's bad leg than the GP on the spot. ABPI members see it as an unofficial extra price control through implied threats that a medicine could be blacklisted.

But it is Mrs Bottomley's soaring prices claim which draws the greatest scorn from drug houses and doctors. The price of medicines fell slightly over the years, they say: the total bill is up mainly because people, living longer, need more medicine. What really soared were hospital costs.

The doctors, through the British Medical Association (BMA), add that new drugs, for a wider range of illnesses, add to the bill. So do drugs that replace surgery, but they also save £1,000-a-week hospital bills. NHS waiting lists keep patients hanging about, swallowing medicines, because they cannot get into hospital for treatment.

Drug treatment for all the estimated six million Britons with raised blood pressure would cost the NHS about £300 million a year more but save heart attacks, strokes, and £800-million-a-year hospital costs. Medicine costs the average person less than 17p a day.

In speeches and publications, the pharmaceutical industry hammered its points. In more peaceful surroundings, the argument goes on before three committees.

The Commons select committee on health, before which both the ABPI and the BMA have appeared, hopes to report in March. A Department of Health-ABPI working group has been meeting to discuss prices. A third group, from the department, the ABPI, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Treasury, is around a table considering the place of the pharmaceutical industry in the British economy.

Pharmaceuticals are Britain's second biggest export, even ahead of North Sea oil. High-tech, science-based, clean, highly profitable, with enormous potential, it is the sort of industry governments dream of. The industry argues that if we cut its profits too far, it will move overseas; if we pay up more willingly for NHS drugs, it will flourish and reward us all.

The last word could be that of an Edinburgh GP in an ABPI book, *Rationing Medicine*. "Who knows," said Dr Ian McKee, "a well-informed public may agree spending decisions that mere politicians are frightened to take."



Dr John Dixon, left, Sarah King and Dr Steve Connolly at Fison's new Loughborough laboratories

Hot on the trail of the magic bullets

Developing new medicines is a systematic science

Recent research has shown the benefits of aspirin, the success of an anti-cancer drug based on extracts of the Pacific Yew tree, and progress with the first experiments in treating inherited diseases by gene therapy.

These findings provide an insight into the way the process of drug discovery has evolved from a matter of luck to a systematic science. Today's aspirin is the synthetic version of a substance that the Rev Edmund Stone, of Chipping Norton, found had analgesic properties when chewing on the bark of a willow tree 200 years ago.

The bulk manufacture of aspirin only became possible a century later when its active molecule was synthesised. For many generations it was the only effective treatment for headaches, aches and swelling.

A vast analysis, completed earlier this month for the British Heart Foundation and Imperial Cancer Research Fund, compared the results of 300 recent studies of aspirin from around the world. While the individual studies were inconclusive, Professor Richard Peto and Dr Rory Collins, of Oxford University, showed that 100,000 premature deaths a year could be prevented if patients with a history of heart disease took the equivalent of just one junior aspirin a day.

The search for medicinally useful plant molecules that can be reproduced in the laboratory continues. Taxol, the extract of the Pacific Yew, is one of them.

But many of today's successful drugs were discovered by screening thousands of chemical substances synthesised every year, in the hope of finding a "magic bullet".

In a typical year, the largest pharmaceutical firms synthesise 4,000 to 5,000 new chemical molecules. Only a handful go on to further testing, with 1 in 10,000 eventually reaching the market.

Although laboratories still synthesise thousands of molecules, laboratories have developed techniques like structure-based drug design. Research begins by first identifying in the body a molecular target, or receptor, with which a substance — as-yet-to-be specified and then synthesised — must interact.

Developments in computer graphics and molecular biology have created new ways for drug developers to see a detailed image of a target molecule, and then work backwards to design the most effective therapeutic drug. Zeneca is typical of a leading international drug firm with more than 500,000 of its own registered compounds at its disposal. But the list of synthetic chemicals has been joined by growing numbers of NBEs — new biological entities.

Of the world's 50 best-selling medicines, 48 are of synthetic origin. Five of the world's 20 most prescribed drugs were discovered and developed in Britain by Glaxo, SmithKline Beecham, Zeneca and Wellcome.

Those products are the result of spending on research and development that has quadrupled over the past 10 years to more than £1,300 million a year. And competition is fierce. Of the world's leading ten products in 1982, only one remained in the top ten in 1992.

Spending on research has escalated because the cost of unearthing an important new drug has risen from £50 million in 1985 to £200 million in 1990. And while a successful discovery can have a significant impact on a drug company's earnings, there are plenty of examples of the decline of companies when a product comes to the end of its patent life and there is no successor product ready to market.

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The discovery of the secret of DNA has spawned various entrepreneurs

Dawn of the age of new medicine

The biotechnology industry could dominate the development of new drugs and ultimately change the way that medicine is practised by the year 2000.

That prediction comes from evidence submitted to a recent inquiry by a House of Lords select committee into the regulation and global competitiveness of the UK biotechnology industry, which now has more than 70 companies. The expertise of these new biopharmaceutical companies is in molecular biology and genetic engineering. Dr Peter Fellner is chief executive of one of them, Celltech, in Slough, and he refers to these research-based companies as "molecular biology boutiques".

The science that spawned these entrepreneurs began with Crick and Watson's discovery of the structure of DNA, which explained the biochemistry of inheritance.

Then a series of discoveries laid the foundations on which to build a biotechnology industry. These included how to transfer mammalian genes into other organisms, the processes behind recombinant DNA; how to make monoclonal antibodies (Mabs); and how to isolate and analyse the biochemical make-up of individual genes. Transferring, or splicing, genes into cell cultures became a way of designing biological factories. These synthesised medicinally valuable human protein molecules that, until now, had been inaccessible because of their scarcity and instability.

The first genetically engineered proteins produced for medical use by biotechnology were human insulin and human growth hormone. They were soon followed by erythropoietin, for treating anaemia, and tissue plasminogen activator, a clot-buster for heart disease.

Other families of proteins now available include the molecules classed as cytokines. These are vital, natural substances similar to the interferons, interleukins, colony stimulating factors (CSFs), CD antigens (CD stands for cluster differentiation), and tumour necrosis factors (TNFs) — hot candidates for new anti-cancer drugs.

Although decades of chemical synthesis have produced some astounding drugs, the limitations are reflected in several ways.

Few effective therapies exist for many cancers, viral infections, Alzheimer-type senility and Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, osteoporosis, atherosclerosis and the vast range of inherited inborn disorders like muscular dystrophy. These are among the targets for the new biopharmaceuticals. But in the early years of the 1980s, the biotechnology companies tended to mimic the thinking of the established pharmaceutical companies, and planned for organisations to span every activity, from discovery to the manufacture and marketing of a licensed medicine.



'The new science has overturned many aspects of development'
Dr PETER FELLNER

> Further discoveries are now ready for the clinic

As one of Britain's biotechnology pathfinders, Celltech, founded in 1980, is one of the mature biopharmaceutical companies on the international stage. Dr Fellner says the embryo industry soon recognised that the new science had overturned many of the commercial and the technical aspects of pharmaceutical development. Financing these biotechnology companies in the UK has been more than usually difficult for those starting up, compared with the United States.

The British Biotechnology Group, based in Oxford and founded in 1986, has pioneered both revolutionary types of drugs and clever ways of financing. It battled hard to achieve the first biotech company listing on the London Stock Exchange, and then had a second listing — on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation (Nasdaq) in New York.

An even younger British company, Cantab Pharmaceuticals of Cambridge, was the first to pitch for the more responsive American investors, and opted for an exclusive listing by Nasdaq in 1992. Cantab has strong links with academic research groups in Cambridge, and before it sought a listing it had developed a new product — to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs.

As the interest of the big drug companies was kindled in molecular biology developments, they also recognised the gaps in their expertise and that areas of research were still expanding. So, progress is being made on forging alliances between specialist boutiques and the established pharmaceutical companies.

These schemes range from takeovers and joint ventures to patent agreements. Celltech has alliances with Hoffman-La-Roche, on antibody production; with Schering Plough on development of an asthma therapy; with Bayer for a treatment for septic shock and other auto-immune diseases; and with Cyanamid on anti-cancer agents.

The leading pharmaceutical players like Glaxo, SmithKline Beecham, Wellcome, Pfizer, Merck, Eli Lilley, Ciba-Geigy, Fisons and Bristol-Myers Squibb have comparable alliances with biotechnology specialists.

However, there are other players in molecular biology research, with discoveries that are ripe for the clinic. The 1980s will be remembered as the decade when groups such as the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) and others at universities, discovered how cancers were caused by harmful genes (oncogenes), and the failure of normal genes to control growth.

The molecular biologists now know that oncogenes hold the key to the development of more than a score of cancers, including tumours of the breast, bladder, colon and lung. In principle, this discovery opens a completely different approach to fighting a wide range of cancers.

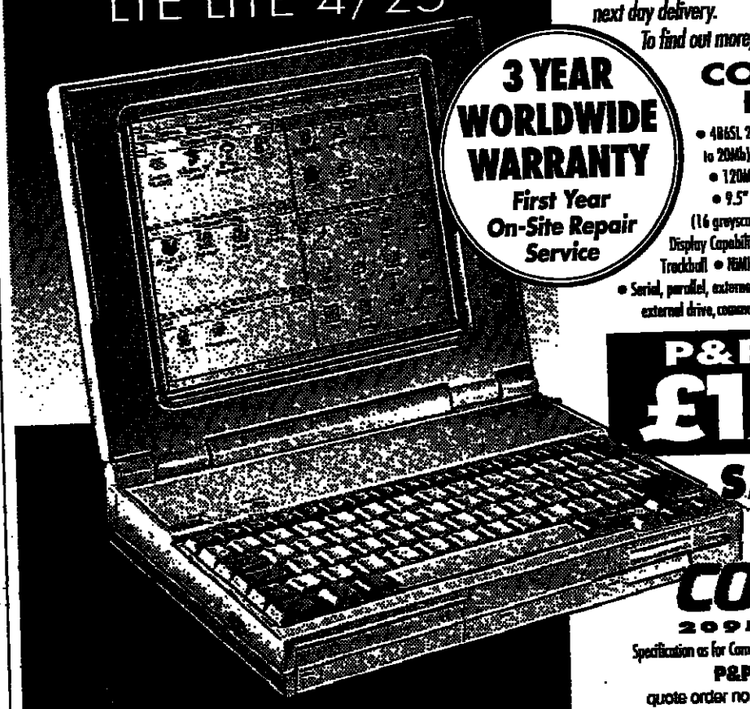
But the promise of better methods of diagnosis and new types of treatment depends on convincing an appropriate commercial patron of their value.

Against this background, the ICRF has created its own applied development laboratory. In effect, it is a technology transfer centre, taking the results from an academic laboratory and refining them to demonstrate more clearly to industrialists their full medical potential.

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1,966.60	Allied Irish	305	- 3	...	3.4	15.5
3,238.70	Aus New Z	342½	+15½	...	3.7	∞
10,865.50	Bancomerico	305½	-10½	...	...	...
1,479.40	Bk of Ireland	313	+ 2	...	4.0	23.1
59.60	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
2,720.30	Bank Scotland	238	+17	4.6	2.5	32.3
10,078.80	Barclays	621	+21	...	2.5	...
18.40	Carlisle	34	- 2½	...	...	...
154.50	Cater Allen	641	+15	20.0	3.5	...
198.30	Cater Allen	1407	+ 5	...	3.1	24.0
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282.10	Close Bros	568	+ 8	...	2.5	20.3
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140.00	First Nat Fin	84 †	+10	1.5	2.2	∞
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12.40	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
6.66	Howard Hldgs	36	+ ½	0.5	2.4	...
225.30	Hunnck Johnsen	90	+ 5	1.0	1.4	...
12.50	Jarvis	18½	...	...	...	...
166.70	Laing (J)	364	+35	9.0	2.1	14.6
98.00	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	144½	+15	...	5.5	...
13.10	Ln Crvdesides a	144	+ 6	4.8	4.3	∞
12.30	Lovell (Y)	145	+ 3½	...	...	8.7
151.10	Manders	401	+ 5	9.5	2.9	24.7
582.00	Marley	204	+ 6	4.2	2.6	59.8
166.40	Marshalls	136 †	...	...	3.7	...
61.80	Maunders (J)	250	+25	...	2.6	24.1
161.60	McAlpine (A)	286	+24	6.5	2.8	49.5
53.70	McCarthy & S	769	+21½	10.5	2.0	...
666.10	Meyer Int	548 †	+13	...	2.3	54.9
188.70	Mowlem (J)	173	+26	4.0	2.9	...
31.70	NSM	185	+11	...	...	...
9.01	Needler a	20	...	...	1.7	22.4
259.30	Newman Tnks	190	+ 5	...	4.4	25.4
352.60	Pentamnon	358	+25	8.6	3.0	36.5
4.46	Phoenix Timber	19	+ 5	...	...	...
18.50	Pochins	178½	+3½	29.0	2.0	25.4
149.60	Prowting	193	+ 7	3.4	2.2	...
2,113.60	RMC Gp	1073	+46	...	2.3	40.3
187.90	Raine Ind	100	+ 4	...	3.8	23.7
8.00	Ramsus a	25	- 2	...	...	...
3,209.50	Redland	622	+24	25.0	5.0	36.2
10.90	Ruskel	71	+ 1	4.3	7.4	18.8
1,060.70	Rugby Group	362	+43	6.4	2.2	27.7
9.24	Syrtld-Rwa	58	+ 1	...	0.5	...
34.30	Sharpe & Fisher	186	+ 1	...	3.0	28.9
167.60	Sheffield Ind	257	+ 1	...	2.7	24.7
27.30	Sheriff Hldgs a	260 †	+ 2	...	1.8	24.7
3.84	Shorcon	106	...	5.2	6.1	24.1
24.70	Smart (J)	245	+17	...	4.3	18.5
10.90	Stanmln	3½	...	...	...	...
1,855.00	Tarmac	202	+14	5.5	3.4	...
68.00	Tay Homes	233	+20	...	3.1	28.8
752.20	Taylor Woodrw	180	+25	1.0	0.7	...
248.40	Tilbury Douglas	735	+40	33.0	5.6	21.9
5.00	Toner (Wm)	50 †	+ ½	0.4	1.0	...
361.40	Travis Perkins	554	+23	8.0	2.8	30.2
6.00	Trenchermood	24	+ 2½	...	...	...
14.70	Try Group	34	+ 2	1.0	3.7	4.6
2.30	Tudora	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
51.50	Vibroplant	112	+11	2.5	2.8	40.2
35.10	Ward Hldgs	63	+ 9	...	...	...
0.82	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
97.70	Watts Blake	60	+ 5	...	3.3	19.8
9.84	Wescott a	32	+ 2	...	...	...
186.30	Westbury	233	+17	5.0	2.8	34.5
25.70	Wiggins	9½	+ ½	...	...	...
5.10	Wilson Bowden	54½	+4½	...	2.0	38.6
56.20	Wilson (C)	124	+ 7	3.9	2.0	42.3
218.60	Wimpey G	227	+17	...	2.9	...
2.70	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

462.90	ADT	663	+25	...	...	...
15.30	Acken & Harvey	359	+30	13.0	4.5	9.6
5.12	Air Londons a	69	- 1	3.5	6.3	12.3
7.10	Artisan Lases	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
46.80	Asso Sec	179	+11	...	5.3	26.0
471.20	BET Ord	157	+ 6	...	1.8	6.3
14.50	BVR Rs	143	+ 8	4.0	4.3	...
69.50	BPP	255	+ 7	8.3	4.1	14.0
49.50	BSM	174	+14	...	4.2	15.2
79.20	Barclays Index	178	+11	8.1	6.7	14.7
25.00	Bowtead	73	- 1	0.7	3.8	...
49.50	Brt Data Mgt	205	- 3	4.7	2.9	14.8
5.82	Brunsdale	24	...	...	1.3	19.1
25.00	Brooks Service	61	+ 1	...	1.0	...
59.80	CET Gp	107	...	...	3.4	18.8
167.90	Capita Group	219	+ 2	...	1.3	34.2
52.70	Cedar Pl.	59 †	+ 4½	...	2.0	21.5
2.50	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
15.50	Clarke	76	...	...	...	...
1,128.20	Chubb Sec	404 †	+17	...	1.8	25.1
44.20	Comasc	121	- 2	...	1.5	31.6
11.50	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
19.40	Coutts Cnstg	83	- 2	...	...	...
26.00	Dart	170	+15	3.3	2.4	23.1
472.50	Davis Service	267	+13	...	3.7	30.1
22.50	De La Rue	124	- 2	...	4.4	15.2
22.70	Gardiner	30	+ 3½	0.4	1.8	20.8
1,267.50	Hays	314	+19	...	2.1	27.4
97.40	Hogg Robinson	206	+22	...	3.0	20.9
16.30	Holmes Protecsn	37	...	...	...	2.3
12,397.50	Hunt Wmnp	343½	+39½	...	1.4	25.4
674.30	ISS S Dkr	2612½	+51½	...	0.8	18.8
3,062.20	Inchcape	389	+41	...	3.0	19.1
191.90	Johnson Clean	272	+99	25.7	3.3	21.2
66.90	Lep	74	...	...	...	...
36.50	Mile Gp	153	+19	3.5	1.4	25.2
90.30	Manpower	1221½	+21½	...	...	...
42.50	Michael Page	71	+ 2½	1.8	1.7	30.2
5.44	Perstrice	115	...	8.0	4.7	4.3
2.51	Prime People a	5	- ½	...	...	...
47.50	Proudfoot Alex	78	+12	...	24.7	4.2
41.20	RCO	205	- 2	15.2	5.1	∞
8.90	REA	108	+ 1	3.0	2.4	...
63.50	Reed Executive	124	+ 1	...	...	...
29.00	Reliance Sec a	129 †	+13	4.5	4.4	20.0
2,903.50	Rentokil	267	+18	2.5	1.2	30.3
29.50	Robt & Nelson	163 †	+23	...	2.6	16.9
1,115.00	Salvesen (C)	388 †	+13	...	2.6	25.5
4.84	Scott Pickford a	30	+ 7	0.8	1.8	17.8
22.60	Selnc Appe	10½	+ 1	...	...	...
185.20	Serco Gp	1338	+25	13.3	1.2	37.0
6.95	Sherwd Cmps a	114	+ 1	...	2.7	3.3
60.90	Sketchley	105	+ 2	...	3.0	24.0
77.50	Warner Howrd	127	...	0.0	2.5	17.1
15.60	Welpac	35	+ 8	...	...	...
41.30	Wilis Gp	29½	+ 2½	...	1.7	20.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

668.60	Allied Colloids	251 †	+19	...	2.2	23.1
599.30	Amersham	1044	+51	...	1.7	30.0
72.20	Anglo Ltd	3½	...	...	...	...
6,207.60	BASF Dfd	1108½	-128½	...	5.8	...
698.50	BTP	570 †	+28	...	3.2	29.7
8,745.60	Bayer DM50	1133	-115½	...	3.9	...
74.90	Biagden	161	+ 5	6.5	5.0	17.4
81.70	Brent Chems	359	+11	...	2.5	24.3
128.20	Br Sto-Tech	8	+ 3	...	3.8	29.0
5.01	Cntrl Ltd	124	+11	7.2	5.0	23.0
51.80	Canning (W)	163	+11	...	3.4	13.1
2,098.40	Courtaulds	522 †	+11	...	2.7	21.0
479.80	Crode	308	+ 4	6.6	4.6	9.5
13.40	Dasher	134	+16½	...	2.5	25.7
222.50	Elbt & Prestnd	359	...	8.8	3.1	17.0
10.70	Exm Colour	144	- 2	...	2.4	17.0
102.50	Halstead (J)	344	- 2	...	3.5	17.0
317.70	Hickson	185	+ 8	...	3.3	...
6,609.70	Imperial	1117½	-22½	...	2.5	17.3
160.70	Holliday Chem	178	+ 1	...	4.4	...
5,602.70	ICI	822	+35	19.0	4.3	20.5
1,570.80	Laporte	723 †	+15	...	...	...
148.90	Leigh	97	- 7	...	1.3	12.3
14.80	MTM	20½	+1½	...	3.3	13.9
4,606.50	Norsk Hydro	2267½	+ 3	...	1.3	15.9
114.90	Paterson Zoch	491	+ 3	...	1.2	16.4
98.00	Pilkington	98	...	...	...	...

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
42.80	Provair	278	+ 9½	3.8	1.7	20.7
35.70	Sheffield Speak	63	+ 8	...	...	...
114.90	Wardle Storeys	465	+ 8	...	4.6	21.5
43.90	Wenmaline A	503	+13	17.0	3.6	20.3
207.00	Yorks Chem	651	+25	...	2.1	34.1
104.20	Yule Catto	306	+15	...	2.5	19.1
7,730.10	Zeneca	818	-20	...	4.2	48.3

DRAPERY, STORES

36.70	Alexon	64	+ 2	...	5.9	...
252.70	Allders	234	- 4	...	3.3	17.4
1,124.20	Arcus Plc	328	- 1	...	2.4	32.3
15.50	Ashley Group	11	+ 2	...	2.1	...
216.10	Ashley (Lmnt)	92	+ 8	0.1	0.1	...
238.50	Asprey	349 †	+27	5.2	1.9	22.5
59.60	Austin Reed	194	+ 8	...	1.6	...
75.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	163	+10	...	4.7	16.4
60.30	Bentalls	146	+ 9	1.9	1.6	...
147.60	Bestwynne	144	+11	...	2.8	19.2
13.10	Blacks Leis	38 †	+ 1	2.2	7.4	...
475.30	Body Shop	252	+ 7	...	0.4	32.5
64.10	Brown & Jackson	10	+ ½	...	1.8	3.1
332.10	Brown (N)	453	+18	...	2.0	20.7
1,013.00	Burton	72 †	+ 3	...	3.5	...
37.40	Cantors	225	+20	...	2.2	31.3
56.30	Church	320	+17	12.5	3.8	46.3
28.00	Clinton Cards	165	...	4.3	3.3	19.0
1,092.80	Coats Vyella	280	+ 6½	...	3.3	38.7
21.30	Cohenvisions	105	-10	5.6	6.8	18.4
32.40	City Counds	169	+ 1	...	3.0	18.7
218.50	Courts Furnish	990	+ 2	5.6	0.8	11.1
2.48	Crown Eyes	155	...	7.5	6.0	10.6
2,034.90	Daisy Farm Ind	122½	+ ½	...	3.0	18.8
137.30	Dewhirst (J)	109	+ 9½	0.6	0.9	35.0
863.50	Dixons Grp	218 †	+ 8½	...	3.6	...
9.16	ESA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
6.46	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
30.20	Evans Furn	264	+44	...	1.7	42.7
169.10	Exam	359	+ 4	7.0	3.4	23.7
443.40	Fine Art Dev	557 †	+23	13.0	2.9	18.1
2.68	Floral Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
16.50	Formmaster	203 †	+ 8	14.5	2.6	12.8
24.60	French Conns a	154	+22	...	...	...
24.80	Gent SR	67	...	...	3.9	20.6
20.40	Goldsmiths Gp	93	+ 5	0.3	0.6	...
6,522.70	GUS	628	+28	...	2.3	19.3
3.74	Hampden Grp a	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
72.30	Hardstone	69	+ 1	...	...	...
39.50	Helene Plc	31½	+ ½	2.0	8.8	14.9
5.06	Heritage a	108	...	...	...	...
6.01	Hunterhills a	34	- ½	...	1.6	30.9
19.20	Jacques Vert	202	...	...	2.2	15.4
4,428.90	Kingfisher	666	-64	...	2.6	22.9
26.40	Leslie Wise Gp	78	+ 2	4.0	5.1	22.8
93.50	Liberty	545	+ 7	7.2	1.7	64.2
440.90	Lloyds Chem	373	+14	...	3.4	13.1
972.10	MFI	167	- 6	...	2.8	25.1
12,737.30	Marks Spencer	459½	+ 7½	...	3.9	18.9
346.50	Mercantile (John)	628	+ 8	...	2.2	17.7
45.70	Moss Bros	271	+ 3	5.5	2.5	31.8
922.50	Next	298	+39	3.5	1.8	29.8
10.40	Other (G)	11	+ 1	...	...	...
165.00	Outflame Intl	310 †	+ 5	...	4.0	15.2
53.30	Penns	39	+ 1	0.8	2.7	9.7
101.00	QS Hldgs	257	+12	5.1	2.5	18.3
39.40	Rhino Grp a	47	...	...	...	...
29.50	Ryman	200	-10	...	3.0	24.0
19.60	Sherwood Gp	178	+11	...	1.8	15.9
1,917.70	Sears	127	+ 4	...	3.4	...
8.32	Sign Scape a	23	+ 2	...	...	...
25.80	Simons	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
15.40	Sr Retrig	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
273.70	Life Sciences	161	+ 4	3.7	2.9	17.4
160.70	Logica	310	+ 6	...	1.6	35.7
4.09	LPA Ind a	49	+ 3	...	2.4	64.1
109.70	MR Data Mngmnt	198	+ 6	...	3.3	18.6
163.10	Macro 4	778	+ 3	...	3.1	21.8
131.80	Mercdes-Benz	220	+23	...	1.7	21.9
156.20	Micro Focus	1020	+10	...	...	16.1
69.00	Microgen	175 †	+29	7.2	5.2	∞
23.50	Microvisca	36	+ 3½	...	...	...
204.90	Misys	541	+28	...	1.6	19.8
369.00	Mitel	457	+ 1	...	...	0.3
18.30	MMT Comps a	171	+15	...	2.9	23.3
6.69	Molyns	35½	- 1	1.3	4.6	...
46.60	MTL Insts	265	+ 5	3.7	1.7	20.0
21.30	Multiforme Elect	141 †	+ 3	3.5	3.1	25.6
26.30	Murray Enter	27½	+ 9	...	1.8	...
10,870.20	NTWKX	26349	-569	...	...	...
31.90	Neurotronics	124	- 1	2.6	2.7	∞
2.46	Newmart (J)	53	...	...	...	...
22.30	Norbain a	264	+20	...	0.6	22.6
58.50	Northamptn Elec	165	+ 1	6.0	4.5	12.3
89.30	Tie Rack	173	+12	1.8	0.7	28.3
138.90	Time Products	262	+ 7	7.7	3.7	22.6
8.88	Usher (Frankie)	127	+ 5	6.0	5.9	11.0
3,226.40	Wendorne	443 †	+29	...	1.7	21.9
19.80	Vitec	36	- 1	1.0	3.5	11.1
98.10	WEW Group	82	+ 2	...	2.7	45.7
3.67	Wensums a	48	+ 2	1.8	4.8	...
445.50	Wickes	116	+ 6	...	0.2	54.1
8.67	Wid of Leathers a	82	+16	...	...	...
74.30	Wyevale	194	+ 4	...	2.8	25.7
3.47	Xtra-vision a	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

325.10	ACT Group	176	+21	...	3.6	17.7
38.10	Acale	203 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
52.70	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
81.90	Alba	175	+ 2	...	3.5	19.8
11.10	Alphameric	41	+ 4	...	...	...
279.00	Amstrad	108	+ 2	3.5	1.3	...
19.70	App Hldgs a	95	...	...	...	...
20.50	Arlen	34	+ 2	...	...	...
261.60	Astec	244	- 2	...	0.4	...
57.50	Azlan	266	- 9	...	1.4	31.5
27.50	Beales Hunter	280	+38	...	4.3	17.1
4.24	Bennett & Fourst	4	...	...	...	...
1,697.40	BICC	476	+37	19.2	5.1	...
163.20	Black	525	+40	...	2.4	19.5
312.40	Borland a	1400	...	...	...	...
678.20	Bowthorpe	365 †	- 2	...	2.4	24.2
28,809.80	BT	464 †	+ 4	...	4.3	17.8
5,659.10	BT PrP	2059½	+29½	...	3.3	22.9
856.30	Farnell Elect	639	+32	...	1.3	33.8
6.26	Feedback a	74 †	+ 1	...	3.4	40.0
48.40	Flair Tech	329	+15	...	2.8	27.3
19.40	Forward Gps a	260	+ 2	4.0	2.1	17.0
6.46	Forward Tech	10	+ 1	...	...	...
9,264.30	GEC	338 †	+ 6	10.4	3.9	16.9
118.70	Grasety	187	+19	...	7.3	38.3
30.30	Gresgrove	115	+ 7	...	...	...
1.60	Hilclare a	48	- 2	...	...	...
6.46	INSTEM a	135	...	3.1	2.9	9.7
65.40	Ind Control	164	+15	...	3.4	16.5
69.70	Jones Stroud	383	+ 5	...	3.0	15.3
44.10	Kalamazoo	116 †	+13	2.7	2.9	26.9
3.57	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
142.00	Kenwood App	387 †	+ 5	...	2.5	21.7
31.00	Kewill Syss	260	+37	...	...	...
13.30	Kode	143	+ 5	8.0	5.2	17.0
8.32	Lec Scale a	23	+ 2	...	...	...
25.80	LINAS a	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
15.40	Lec Refrig	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
273.70	Life Sciences	161	+ 4	3.7	2.9

U-turn by Hollywood studio in last days of battle

QVC likely to sweeten Paramount bid

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

QVC Network is expected to raise the cash portion of its takeover bid for Paramount Communications this week as the battle for the Hollywood studio, which has lasted almost five months, enters its last full week.

QVC, the television shopping channel headed by Barry Diller, was placed under renewed pressure on Friday when Paramount directors did a second about-face, withdrawing their recommendation of its offer and urging shareholders to accept a revised bid from Viacom, the cable television group. This was despite independent estimates last week indicating that QVC's offer remained higher than Viacom's.

Martin Davis, Paramount's chairman and chief executive, has consistently supported the Viacom proposal since it was first made last September. But earlier this month, he joined the board in a unanimous recommendation of QVC because its bid was higher.

The price difference between the two bids has narrowed but, according to analysts' calculations, QVC's offer is worth $87 per Paramount share, or $10.3 billion, and Viacom's $83 per Paramount share, or $9.8 billion. Paramount shares closed $1.375 higher on Friday, at $79.875.

Mr Davis said in a statement: "The board determined, following an analysis from its financial and legal advisers, that the aggregate consideration offered in the Viacom offer, and its second-step merger, taken together, represent the best value available to Paramount stockholders."

Tension between the three camps heightened over the weekend as allegations flew that Paramount advisers had adopted a worst-case valuation of key parts of the QVC cash and shares offer; and valued Viacom's terms optimistically.

Valuation of the two bids is to a considerable extent guesswork, because some components do not yet trade in the open market and the value of others depends on the bidding companies' share prices.

In cash terms, Viacom has the edge. It is offering $107 a share for 50.1 per cent of Paramount through a stock market tender offer; that is $15 a share higher than QVC's current offer of $92 for 51 per cent. Mr Diller said at the weekend: "The screw turns once again. We will evaluate events and respond appropriately." Two weeks ago, he hinted that he had made his final bid, but Wall Street doubted that he meant it.

Mr Diller's offer seemed likely to give him victory. But at the eleventh hour, Paramount shareholders have been diverted by Viacom's new terms, timed to dissuade arbitrageurs from committing themselves to one side or the other.

Arbitrageurs buy during takeover battles for the profits they can make from the final bids. They have no loyalties and are generally swayed purely by how much money is on the table.

Two of the them have come out publicly in favour of Viacom's offer because it gives more cash. If QVC is to convert them, Wall Street says, it will need to raise the cash element of its offer. It may well have to turn to BellSouth, the regional telephone company that has already committed $1.5 billion to backing QVC's bid and could easily afford more.

But time is running out. Paramount says final bids must be submitted by Tuesday next week.

Trustees of MGN fund to sue for £200m

BY PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE trustees of Mirror Group Newspapers pension fund will tomorrow begin their claim for damages of £200 million from three City firms which had dealings with businesses run by Robert Maxwell, the late media tycoon.

Invesco MIM and Capel-Cure Myers, the UK fund managers, and Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank, are fighting the claim.

The trustees had increased their claim from £36 million to £200 million last year, amending a "whistle-blowers" clause in their writs. This alleges that the three institutions should have been aware of Mr Maxwell's activities, when dealing with businesses run by him while he was plundering his companies' pension funds.

A £200 million claim has been lodged against each of the firms, but these will be offset against each other, so the total claim against the three is unlikely to be higher than £200 million. But the trustees say the total funds missing amount to £250 million, so writs against other banks are likely over the next month or two. The case will be heard against Invesco first, then CCM, then Lehman.

A spokeswoman for Lehman Brothers said: "We believe we have a very strong defence and we are planning to go to court."



Maxwell: plundered funds

Lonrho set to double its money

IN A relatively quiet week for company results, Lonrho, the industrial conglomerate headed by Tiny Rowland and Dieter Bock, the joint chief executives, is set to dominate the scene when it reports tomorrow.

Brokers expect Lonrho to report a doubling of underlying annual profits. Pre-tax profit forecasts for the year to September 30, including disposal gains, range from £140 million to £170 million, on an FRS3 basis, against a restated £114 million last time. Profits from continuing businesses are forecast to be between £80 million and £95 million, up from a restated £39 million at 1992's low ebb.

Alan Richards, at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, says attention is likely to focus on continuing operations and on what Mr Bock says are the core activities of mining, hotels, agriculture and trading.

A board split between Mr Rowland, Lonrho's founder, and Mr Bock, the newcomer, recently came into the open. The German businessman holds 18.8 per cent of Lonrho, and an option on Mr Rowland's 6 per cent stake. Lonrho has shed businesses, cut debt, ended a long-running dispute with the Fayeds, the owners of Harrods, and appointed outside directors.

Most brokers expect an unchanged full-year dividend of 4p, though Credit Lyonnais Laing thinks Lonrho may just lift it to 5p. Michael Coulson, an analyst at the firm, said: "We know it has made progress. With the prospect of further reductions in the debt, an increase in earnings and Bock having such a large stake, we think a dividend rise may be a good signal."

Overall figures will include profits on the sale of *The Observer* newspaper, Lonrho's Volkswagen importer and its venture with Germany's Krupp, plus a £12 million provision against Hondo oil in the US. Trading is thought to have been dull in the UK and Africa, but precious metal prices have levelled out or shown signs of upturn. Further news is also expected this quarter of Ghana's planned $1 billion flotation of its Ashanti gold mine, in which Lonrho holds a 45 per cent stake.



Tiny Rowland and Dieter Bock: not only wrestling with Lonrho's problems

Analysts say that gold volumes and profits improved at Ashanti. Savings from rationalisation at its other prize asset, South Africa's Western Platinum mine, will also flow through.

TODAY

A sharp reduction in interest charges and further progress at the Early Learning Centres is expected to boost first-half profits at **John Menzies**. James Capel has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £5.5 million (£3.8 million). The interim dividend should be raised to 4.1p (3.8p). The Early Learning Centres should have performed well, though trading in the other retailing businesses may have been patchy.

Interims: Excalibur, GT Japan Investment Trust, John Menzies, MITIE.
Finals: GWR Group.

TOMORROW

Interims: Cantors, Clayhithe, Fleming Emerging Markets Investment Trust, HJ Joel Gold Mining (Q), Merwier-Swain, Murray Smaller Markets, Randfontein Estates Gold (Q), Scottish National Trust (D), Western Areas Gold (Q).
Finals: Domino Printing, Ivory & Sime Isis Trust, Lonrho, M & G Dual Trust, Shandwick, Willoughby's Consolidated.

WEDNESDAY

Interim results from **WH Smith Group**, the retail and distribution group, are expected to show a relatively healthy advance, although Do It All, the group's ailing do-it-yourself joint venture with Boots, will again cloud the picture.

Nick Bubb, at Morgan Stanley, has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits of £44.5 million (£40.2 million). Market forecasts range from £44 million to £46.5 million. A dividend of 4.6p (4.3p) is predicted. NatWest expects retail profits to rise 13.2 per cent and an improvement at Our Price, while Do It All is forecast to trim losses to about £7 million (£7.4 million).

Analysts also await news on whether moves to dismantle the group's two-tier share structure, which gives holders of B shares — 10 per cent of the equity — 36 per cent of the votes, will coincide with the retirement this of month of Sir Simon Hornby as chairman. Sir Simon disclosed at the annual meeting that the board had considered such a move and that it remained under consideration.

Interims: Govett American Smaller, Murray Split Capital Trust, WH Smith, Stewart Zigomala.
Finals: Bullough, Sphere Investment Trust (4ID).

THURSDAY

MFI is expected to turn in first-half pre-tax profits of £21 million (£14.5 million), according to UBS, but the City will be more interested to hear how trading is going during the vital January sale. Analysts are expecting better news on sales and profit margins. Market forecasts range from £19 million to £25.5 million. An improved interim dividend of 1.3p (1.25p) is predicted.

Unitech, the electronic components group, is forecast to report a rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £7 million (£4.55 million), according to NatWest Securities. The interim is pencilled in at 2.2p (2.1p).

Interims: Coal Investments, Danka Business Systems (Cl3), Farepak, Investors Capital Trust (Cl1), MFI Furniture, Misys, Prism Leisure, Unitech.
Finals: Derby Trust, Govett Emerging Markets, Gresham Telecomputing, Partridge Fine Arts, Warner Estate Holdings, Witan Investment.

FRIDAY

Interims: CH Bailey, Birkdale, Brandon Hire, Cathay International, Cupid, J&J Dyson, Goodhead, Harmony Property, Illingworth Morris, Markheath, S Schneiders, SelecTV, John Smith (Field Head), TR Far East Income Trust (D), Wholesale Fittings, Wintrust, Woolcombers, John Wright (Weaving), WE Yates.
Finals: Allied Textile, First Philippine Investment Trust, Greenfriar Investment.
Economic statistics: Non-EC trade figures (December).

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Managerial rises still twice those of workers

MANAGERS' pay increases are still running at twice the rate of employees' rises — though the gap is closing, according to a new salary survey today. Though both the Government and managers themselves have stressed the need for lower pay settlements, the latest survey of executive pay suggests senior managers are slow to apply their own advice to themselves. The survey, carried out by Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, the employee benefits consultant, shows the average salary increase for executives in the six months to December 31 was 4.6 per cent.

This compares with average pay settlements for all employees, which the consultants say are now running at 2-3 per cent — about half that of the level of managers' increases. The findings of the study suggest, though, that this gap is closing as managers' rises fall back. The 4.6 per cent rise compares with 5 per cent in the first six months of last year and 6.1 per cent a year ago.

VW on road to profit

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, expects its first quarter loss this year to be a "fraction" of the DM1.25 billion lost in the first quarter of 1993, and expects all parts of the group to be in profit for the whole year, except Seat, its Spanish company, Ferdinand Piëch, the VW chairman, said. Elsewhere, General Motors of the US was profitable in 1993 and expects to do better in 1994, Jack Smith, new GM president, said on BBC2's *Money Programme* yesterday.

Fiat urged to sell Alfa

FIAT, Italy's leading carmaker, has been called on by Mario Formentini, the mayor of Milan, to sell Alfa Romeo, its high-performance car offshoot, to a Japanese or another non-Italian company rather than risk running the famous marque into the ground. The mayor's proposal comes as the loss making Fiat struggles with strikes and protest marches, triggered by the breakdown of talks last week concerning plans to lay off 11,800 workers over the next two years.

China seeks more gold

A NEW gold study, commissioned by the World Gold Council and released today, forecasts that in the next two years China — which in 1992 was said to have been a big gold buyer from Western central banks — will want to buy even more for its reserves. *The Changing Relationship between Gold and the Money Supply*, by US economists Michael Bordo and Anna Schwartz, adds there could be more central bank buying of gold by Taiwan, India and the Philippines.

Dairy Crest milk float

A KEY meeting takes place today between the Milk Marketing Board and Whitehall officials which should put the flotation of Dairy Crest, the milk products arm of the MMB, on the fast-track. The MMB will tell Ministry of Agriculture officials that it has settled differences with the Dairy Trade Federation about how the MMB should be wound up to usher in a deregulated market in milk sales. Dairy Crest's flotation had been delayed by the dispute.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
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2.6117 (+0.0001)
Exchange index
82.6 (0.1)
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FT 30 share
2668.5 (+56.2)
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3484.2 (+83.6)
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3914.48 (+47.28)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.07
Austria Sch	19.21	17.71
Belgium Fr	57.26	52.86
Canada $	2.076	1.916
Cyprus Cyp£	0.810	0.760
Denmark Kr	10.71	9.91
Finland Mkk	9.11	8.31
France Fr	9.28	8.58
Germany Dm	2.75	2.54
Greece Dr	395.00	370.00
Hong Kong $	12.21	11.21
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2634.00	2479.00
Japan Yen	180.50	163.50
Malta	0.630	0.575
Netherlds Gld	3.055	2.826
Norway Kr	11.77	10.97
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S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	220.50	206.50
Sweden Kr	12.63	11.83
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
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Italy's undaunted 'engineer' designs great leap forward

Despite slump, political crisis and legal problems, Carlo De Benedetti professes optimism both for Italy and for Olivetti, says Colin Narbrough

Sweeping political change in Italy, deep recession and a suspended jail sentence for fraud have failed to dent the natural optimism of Carlo De Benedetti. He may soon be back on the acquisition trail and heading a European equivalent of America's "information superhighway" plan for continent-wide advanced computer and telephone networks.

One of the best-known Italian businessman outside Italy, after his marauding forays into other European markets in the 1980s, Signor De Benedetti, known as *l'ingegniere* (the engineer) to his staff, appeared confident when interviewed by *The Times* in Milan that he would return Olivetti, his loss-making personal computer group, to the black this year, whatever storms blow around him.

Despite his reputation for being a maverick among Italy's business elite, which he evidently savours, his difficulties are very much those that beset the whole of Italian industry and commerce. Recession caught most leading industrial economies. Italy, however, has at the same time seen its corrupt political order collapse, with an accompanying assault on big business for the covert help it gave to politicians and the bribes it paid for government contracts. Signor De Benedetti likened Italian industry's situation to a man wading across the swollen river of recession, only to find that it starts to rain when he reaches the middle.

Yet Signor De Benedetti sees the "peaceful revolution" in Italy as an opportunity, rather than a development that will leave Italian companies handicapped by the stigma of corruption and economic malaise. "I don't believe I'm a handicapped person," he said. In fact, he regards the current changes in Italy, with an election due next month, as a liberation from a political regime that was bad for his country. He said he was "extremely optimistic" about Italy's future.

Olivetti, Europe's leading personal computer company, like its rivals, has suffered badly from the combination of recession and severe price deflation. Group sales grew at a healthy annual rate of 8.9 per cent in the second half of 1993, but Signor De Benedetti still expects big losses, albeit smaller than the 650 billion lire (£255 million) net loss in 1992. NatWest Securities also sees this year as pivotal, with the prospect of a 245 billion lire net profit next year.

Signor De Benedetti attributes most of Olivetti's recent losses to restructuring. Having pared the workforce by 12 per cent, to 35,000, last year, the third successive year of double-digit cuts, he intends to whittle it down to 33,000 by June. But Olivetti's shrinking workforce contasts with its rising sales and growing market share. "We have been laying people off, not the business," Signor De Benedetti stressed.

He detects a slowdown in the decline in personal computer prices, having underestimated the pace of deflation in recent years. Olivetti had budgeted for annual price falls of 25 per cent, only to see them slumping by 40 per cent. But the information technology industry is embroiled in a fierce price war and even the improved environment Signor De Benedetti expects this year will see prices tumbling by 20 per cent. As he rightly notes, no other industry has witnessed such a price collapse.



Carlo De Benedetti is confident Olivetti will be back in profit this year

Another source of his confidence about a comeback by Olivetti, the third-biggest player in the European market behind America's Compaq and IBM, is the fact that the company successfully raised its capital by the equivalent of $600 million last summer and has seen its share price outperform the market, rising 55 per cent from the low-point last June to an 18-month high this month. At an extraordinary shareholders' meeting in March, the company intends to seek authorisation for a further capital increase. The golden scenario for Olivetti, or "great leap", as Signor De Benedetti prefers to call it, would be for the company to secure the second Italian telecommunications licence. That would give it credibility in the world telecommunications industry. Omnitel, the Olivetti-led consortium bidding for the second digital mobile phone network, has a main competitor in Unitel, comprising Fiat, the carmaker, and Fininvest, controlled by the Berlusconi group. If awarded the cellular licence, Omnitel is committed to investing 750 billion lire in year one, half of the total investment of 1.5 trillion lire. Olivetti holds a 51 per cent stake in the consortium, the other members of which include Bell Atlantic and Sweden's Telia. The new licence will represent an important part privatisation of telecommunications. The Italian privatisation programme, which started in earnest last month with the sale of Credito Italiano, the state bank, is expected to continue, irrespective of the colour of the government that emerges from the general election. Signor De Benedetti foresees information and telecommunications merging and wants to be well positioned to become a key player, developing networks to support mobile computing applications. He has been invited by Martin Bangemann, the EC's industry commissioner, to take a leading part in charting a telecommunications superhighway strategy for Europe. Al Gore, America's vice-president, unveiled the Clinton administration's plans for advanced networks spanning America this month.

De Benedetti has been asked to help chart a European telecoms strategy

The legal clouds still hanging over Signor De Benedetti have yet to clear, but his advisers were clearly encouraged by a civil court decision in November to dismiss a 30 billion lire damages claim against him by the creditors of Banco Ambrosiano. Almost two years ago, he was sentenced to more than six years in jail for fraudulent bankruptcy during his stewardship of the bank, which collapsed in 1982. Roberto Calvi, the Ambrosiano chairman known as "God's Banker", was found hanged below London's Blackfriars Bridge the same year.

Signor De Benedetti has been unable to appeal so far because the court has not released details of the charges. It is widely thought that the case will be dropped. That would be highly welcome to Signor De Benedetti. He has been less concerned about bribes paid by Olivetti to win a post office contract, for all the public humiliation of being hauled off to a Rome prison briefly last October. He admitted the payment and has assisted the authorities, unlike many of his rivals caught up in the web of kickback scandals.

At 59, Signor De Benedetti shows no signs of retiring, or swapping business for politics. He has three sons, and Rodolfo, the eldest, is the managing director of CIR, the De Benedetti holding company. For all his love of family, it seems that he is in no hurry to hand over the reins, and even thinks it unwise to do so, if his children fail to display sufficient entrepreneurial flair.

Dynastic control of much of Italian industry is, oddly enough, something he is opposed to. He sees it as reflecting a poorly working market and political system. He has long advocated the development of the Milan stock exchange, a dwarf in comparison with the size of the underlying economy. Pointing to America as the example of a developed market place, he said: "Today, the family companies are finished."

An ardent admirer of China, for developing its economy before rushing into democracy, Signor De Benedetti is about to visit the Middle Kingdom in search of business opportunities. In terms of local purchasing power, China was already the world's third-biggest market and would soon be number one, he said. But he dismisses the idea of importing Chinese conditions in such areas as prices and wages to Europe. "We [Europeans] have to go into businesses where we can add new value," he says. "You leverage on your intelligence".

Britain's encouragement of inward investment by Japanese companies in its car industry is, in Signor De Benedetti's view, a model of pragmatism appropriate to the fast-changing world of manufacturing. "There is no space left for the ideological any more."

In the 1980s, Signor De Benedetti sought to pre-empt the creation of a single European market by launching an aggresive campaign of takeovers that brought him close to securing control of Société Générale, Belgium's biggest company. He is remembered in the business world for that spectacular failure, but would like to be known better for his 45 per cent stake in Valeo, the French car components group that has successfully challenged Europe's best component makers.

Disposal of Triumph-Adler, Olivetti's German subsidiary, is in the offing, but Signor De Benedetti could be gearing for a fresh takeover campaign. In recent discussions with Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, he put forward the idea of Olivetti taking up part of Groupe Bull, its state-owned French rival, which seems likely to have its latest request for massive subsidies turned down by the European Commission. Could it be that we are about to witness the re-emergence of Signor De Benedetti in his former role as Europe's super-predator?

Bloody battle of the high streets won't be over by Christmas



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

January sales are raggedly reaching their end. What will succeed them? The strongest candidate is February sales. Retailers might attempt another return to "normal" prices for a few weeks to see if consumers have finally shrugged off their recession habits. That did not work last year, but you never know. Alternatively, there could be a more general rethink: to year-round special offers, as favoured by Dixons and the former Ratners; to more but narrower ranges to raise the volume of sales per square foot or even, dare one dream, to permanently lower prices. If "consumer sovereignty" proves to be more than a fashionable slogan, it will surely reverse the trend to stores patronising customers by charging high prices for those who cannot delay purchases and then graciously permitting us to queue for the crowded "sales" on which old-fashioned stores have come to rely ever more.

These are head-scratching times for retailers. Two dreams faded last week. The first was Tesco's vision of ever-expanding horizons for superstores. For some time, industry watchers such as Verdict Research have argued that superstores were nearing saturation coverage. Yet Tesco and Sainsbury launched vast share issues three years ago, enticing eager investors to sustain their headlong expansion. Now Tesco, following Argyll's Safeway group, has finally admitted the obvious, cutting spending on new stores by a third and making a huge charge against profits. Sainsbury's response is awaited.

The very next day, Kingfisher, the B&Q, Woolworth and Comet group, reported disappointing sales for the peak season of the year, and forecast lower profits. It was not the first. Dixons had already revealed the depredations of price-cutting in the video-game and other electronics markets, partly initiated by Kingfisher. As with Tesco, however, Kingfisher's troubles carry a special significance. If Tesco was the most vociferous champion of ever-expanding selling space, Kingfisher was the new standard-bearer of realism for an era of lower growth. Customers demand permanently lower prices, came its incessant message. Strong retailers must therefore cut gross selling margins to raise the volume of their sales and rely on cost-cutting and improved efficiency to maintain their net profit margins. This philosophy, long known to, say, Marks and Spencer, has become instant orthodoxy. For Kingfisher, however, it has not entirely worked as planned, at least not yet. Sales rose on average only 4 per cent and gains were concentrated at B&Q, the DIY chain that is the group's only dominant market leader. Operating margins fell.

If lower prices are not be matched by significantly higher volume, retailers are in trouble. That is why they dread the price war. If everyone joins in, everyone loses until the weakest are forced to the wall or absorbed by the strong. When Tesco launched such a war from a position of relative strength seventeen years ago, that was what eventually happened. This time, there is no declared price war. The big supermarkets were forced to respond, successfully, to newcomers seeking to fill the discount gap in the market. But the main impetus has been sheer consumer resistance during the recession. Many big groups were relying ever more on new openings because growth was falling off at existing stores. This in turn eventually changed the economics of new stores.

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Put these two together and the days of reliable 20 per cent profit growth look over, at least for a while. That was never some inevitable natural state of affairs. Twenty years ago, the industry had a much lowlier image. Big department store groups, such as Debenhams, were long-standing problem companies, as department stores have since been in Germany and America. Even the food sector had more shooting stars than new suns.

If retailing is to enter a permanently harsher climate then market leadership becomes ever more important, as Kingfisher is discovering. The leaders can cut costs easier and set prices. The rest have to run hard to stand still. The leaders can also establish own brands better, developing the second main route to greater efficiency through more intimate co-ordination with suppliers.

Developing a house brand that customers trust, both for quality and value, was the key to the M&S story, has helped John Lewis in department stores, Boots in cosmetics and toiletries, and is the chief strength of Sainsbury, with Tesco and Argyll puffing to catch up. Quality own brands were also the secret to high, and in supermarkets ever-widening, net margins. They are now the focus of price cutting, outside the discount sector, putting yet more strain on the also-rans — and potentially on rival high street barons. Food retailers that went into high margin toiletries to escape from the last big food price war, for instance, might cut prices to challenge Boots.

There are new complications in this round of price pressure in and out of the high street. One is the move to lower inflation. In retailing, as in business generally, this has reduced firms' flexibility. As price-capped utilities are beginning to discover, it is much harder to sustain permanent cost-cutting in real terms in inflation is low. Investing to replace inflation-linked labour costs, for instance, has a weaker rolling impact. Waiting for the weak to fail can also be more frustrating. While several menswear and electrical chains have fallen to recession, some groups that overreached themselves early in the downturn, such as Next, Storehouse, Asda and possibly even Gateway, have got their act together under new management.

This time, the secret weapon might be Sunday trading. In supermarkets, the drive to open on Sunday was spurred by weakness: the need to revive volume growth through existing stores at the expense of local competitors. It also raises running costs, making it much harder for weaker competitors to sustain or rebuild low margins. Yet the impact on total retail sales is likely to be small. If deregulation arrives, as seems likely, when competition is at its fiercest, then Sunday trading will surely become the norm much faster than if the law had changed five years ago. For all but the strongest, the retail battleground will become even more bloody.

Can the Chancellor be trusted on inflation?

Interest rate expectations became more realistic last week, on the back of economic data showing a pleasant mix of subdued inflation coupled with steady but not excessive growth in economic activity. The latter, in particular, helped to calm fears arising since Christmas that the economy may be growing too fast to allow either inflation or interest rates to fall further.

With gilt yields at close to 30-year lows, a key question for gilt market investors is whether the authorities can be trusted to maintain underlying inflation within the Government's 1-4 per cent target range, not just over the next few months but over the next several years. Moreover, even if the Government's intentions are honourable, there is the additional question of whether it has the ability to deliver what it promises on inflation.

To take a recent example, every quarter, the Bank of England publishes projections in its *Inflation Report* for the path of underlying retail price inflation over the next three months. In the November report, the Bank forecast that underlying inflation would hover at about 3.3 per cent in the final quarter of 1993. We now know that inflation actually averaged 2.7 per cent over this period.

The importance of this is clear. If the authorities can be so wrong about inflation over the next three months, what confidence can investors have in their ability to set policy which, in the Government's words, is "based on assessment of the prospects for underlying inflation in one or two years' time"?

This is a legitimate concern for investors. With GDP growing at an annualised rate of about 3 per cent and with the exchange rate having strengthened by about 1 per cent since the Budget, the authorities may soon need to weigh up the case for cutting interest rates to offset the impact of a stronger exchange rate against the risk that this might reignite the all-too-familiar boom-bust cycle in the UK.

If inflation were the only consideration, the answer is clear enough — leave interest rates unchanged. But inflation is not the only concern. A stronger exchange rate could undermine the recovery, especially with tax increases about to bite, and sow the seeds of future problems with the current account of the balance of payments. Weaker growth would also undermine efforts to reduce the PSBR.

'A stronger exchange rate could undermine the recovery'

Nor is a stronger exchange rate needed to control inflation. According to the inflation model used at Goldman Sachs, if the exchange rate were back at the level prevailing at the time of the Budget, the economy could enjoy a prolonged period of 3 per cent a year GDP growth while leaving underlying inflation broadly in the centre of the Government's target range. A 5 per cent appreciation of the exchange rate could actually push inflation to the bottom of the target range during 1995.

With the Bank of England likely to adopt an upbeat line on inflation prospects in the February *Inflation Report*, the chances of lower base rates in the coming months remain high. Only in the unlikely event that economic growth accelerates to more than a 3 per cent rate in the face of tax increases would prospects for lower base rates be jeopardised.

In such a benign inflation environment the outlook for gilts remains favourable for at least the next few months. Real gilt yields still seem high, both for this stage of the cycle and compared with international markets, and they should be able to drop gradually as confidence in a sustained period of low inflation increases.

Gilts will also be helped by the likelihood of a favourable trend in most other major bond markets over the next few months especially in Europe. Many European countries are entering their fifth year of below trend growth, which will help to maintain a downwards trend for inflation and interest rates for some considerable time. This augurs well for European bond markets generally during 1994.

For the next few months, gilts are likely to participate fully.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tax shelter in a sunny spot

THE sun shines, the natives are friendly ... and the telephones work. Welcome to Malta, long-associated with snoozing fishermen, and hoping to become the Jersey of the eastern Mediterranean.

In the five years since the rejection of the old socialist government, a small fortune has been spent transforming Malta from dowdy old maid into attractive hostess. Now, she is ready to welcome fund managers and banks to what is hailed as the world's newest offshore financial centre.

Say "tax haven" and many think of brass plates on doors, money laundering, and concrete boots for those too nosey. Not Malta. Eager for reputable clients, Maltese have spent much time studying havens from Luxembourg to the Cayman Islands. A "brass-plate-and-no-questions" approach will not do here.

"We want to grow into a financial centre of repute," said John Dalli, minister of finance, in London to brief City institutions. "Malta is a small economy. Financial services is one of the main growth areas."

But does the world need another tax haven? It seems so. Many established centres are bursting, and charge high prices for newcomers trying to squeeze in. Malta offers lower prices, a tough rule book and modern infrastructure. And no scandals ...



Malta: telling City folk of its hope of being a tax haven

Banker of note(s)

OPERA in the garden is the kick of Leonard Ingrams, merchant banker brother of Richard of *Private Eye* fame, who is on Robert Fleming's main board and has made Garsington Manor, Oxfordshire, a mini-Glyndebourne. Such is his success in finding lost operas that this festival, from June 17, has grown to 20 performances, including Richard Strauss's *Capriccio*, Rossini's *Barber of Seville* and this year's Haydn rarity, *L'Incontro Improviso*. There is a long interval, when dinner may be taken in the Great Barn. Ingrams, now in India, has done much work for the Saudi government, who dubbed him "the greatest of all advisers".

Woolies wonders

TRUST Kingfisher, the Woolworths to Comet retail group headed by Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, to stay a step ahead of the field. It has given £20,000 towards a two-year project researching employers' attitudes to gay employees — and vice versa, for that matter. The study is led by Stonewall, a gay rights action group. Kingfisher, with 65,000 employees and a progressive record on promoting women in management and on Sunday trading, will be as interested as anyone in the findings.

A home win

THE in-house 1993 Share of the Year Competition at Charles Stanley, the private client stockbroker, was jointly won by two employees who picked Oceana Consolidated, which rose 489 per cent in the year. Nothing surprising, until it is noted that Oceana owns Charles Stanley, and the winners were Peter Hurst, finance director, and Roger Cloughly, head of settlements.

On-line lawmen

GET a nervous feeling when drawing money from an autoteller at night? Someone creeping up to snatch those crisp notes? This seems to be the worry in California, where the Wells Fargo bank is acting to guard against auto-muggings. By pushing a button, anyone using a cash machine will be patched through to police emergency desks. British banks, such as Barclays, are experimenting with cameras at cash dispensers, but have no plans for panic buttons. "Thankfully, that level of crime is extremely rare in Britain," a spokesman says.

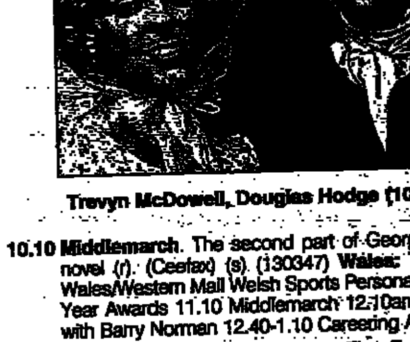
Bed and not bored

SO MUCH for a relaxing stay. The Hyatt hotel group has launched a service to satisfy even the most manic business traveller. Rooms available under its Business Plan Programme are kitted out with fax machines, desks, enhanced lighting, telephones with computer hook-ups, coffee machines, iron and ironing boards and a hairdryer. For real head-cases, there is 24-hour access to office supplies. "Our guests say they need services that would allow them to be as productive on the road as in the office," says Darryl Hartley-Leonard, Hyatt president. Throw in a secretary and a washing-machine, and they'd be away.

JON ASHWORTH

BBC 1

6.00 Business Breakfast (68811)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89094095)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (4003892)
9.45 Newshound with Ross King (s) (1260057)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9468795) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (5517095)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick (61234908)
12.15 Pebble Mill with guest, singer Celine Dion (s) (4884366) **12.55 Regional news and weather** (67009366)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) Weather (55786)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (13025095) **1.50 XYZ.** Alphabet quiz (s) (13029811)
2.15 Knots Landing (s) (5173989)
3.05 Family Affairs. How to avoid skin cancer (s) (9701144)
3.35 The Complete BBC Diet and Fitness Show (7973927)
3.45 Bump (7126569) **3.50 Model Millie** (s) (7945144) **4.05 Batfink** (9728453) **4.10 Jackanory.** *Who's a Clever Girl Then?* by Rose Impey, told by Joanna Lumley (s) (1153502) **4.25 SuperTed** (r) (8739569) **4.35 Albert the 5th Musketeer** (s) (9059163)
5.00 Newsround (6756231) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (5135540)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (109182)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (811)
6.30 Regional news magazines (163) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 That's Showbusiness presented by Mike Smith (s) (1811)
7.30 Watchdog with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (347)
8.00 A Question of Sport with guests Graham Thorpe, Laura Davies, Ally McCoist and Adrian Maguire. (Ceefax) (s) (7231)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. Chris Barrie stars as the inept Gordon Brittas. Today he leaves the cares of the leisure centre behind and takes his wife sailing. (Ceefax) (s) (6366)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9434)
9.30 Panorama: Nose to Tail. John Penycate reports on the Government's plans to spend £23 billion on Britain's roads (851328)

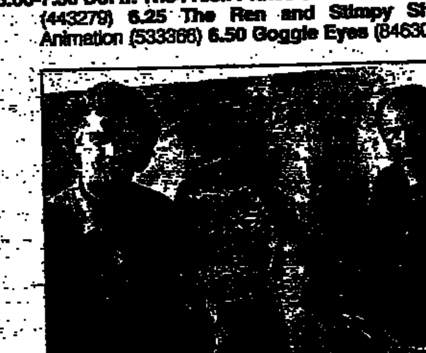


Trevyn McDowell, Douglas Hodge (10.10pm)

10.10 Middlemarch. The second part of George Eliot's novel (r). (Ceefax) (s) (130347) **Wales:** The BBC Wales/Western Mail Welsh Sports Personality of the Year Awards 11.10 Middlemarch 12.10am Film 94 with Barry Norman 12.40-1.10 Careering Ahead
11.10 Film 94 with Barry Norman. The films under review include Martin Scorsese's *The Age of Innocence*, *Mrs Doubtfire* with Robin Williams and *Decadence* with Joan Collins and Steven Berkoff (s) (920892) **11.40 Careering Ahead** (r) (157144)
12.10am Weather (8456019). Ends at **12.15**
3.00-3.50 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (22699) **3.30** Pathways to Care (76029564)

BBC 2

6.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (8603315)
8.15 Westminster Daily (3878386)
8.30 Look Stranger. Derek and Jeannie Tangye talk from their Cornish clifftop home (r) (1524250)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). 1954 (6947811)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 1.20 Puppydog Tales (74791453) 1.25-1.40 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (s) (57015705)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbers Plus** (62238057)
2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (931927)
2.45 SilverMeadows. Natural history documentary (7983279)
3.00 News (Ceefax) Weather; **Songs of Praise** from Durham (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9519328) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (7109892) **3.50 News** (Ceefax); regional news and weather (7105076) **4.00 Today's the Day** with Martyn Lewis (796)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama series. English subtitles (s) (960) **Wales:** The Lost Wilderness
5.00 Catchword with Paul Coia (s) (6989)
5.30 The Great British Garden Show (r). (Ceefax) (s) (540)
6.00-7.30 Def II: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Comedy (443279) **6.25 The Ren and Stimpy Show.** Animation (533366) **6.50 Goggle Eyes** (846304)



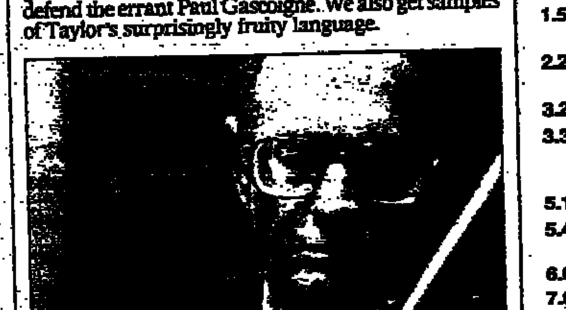
Bellany, right, paints Connolly (7.30pm)

7.30 The Bigger Picture: A True Likeness. Billy Connolly has his portrait painted by John Bellany. (Ceefax) (s) (989)
8.00 Horizon: The Man Who Made Up His Mind. (Ceefax) (s) (282347)
8.50 Funky Black Shorts: A Chance to Dance with Victor Romero Evans and Josephine Melville. (Ceefax) (s) (820386)
9.00 FILM: Plain Clothes (1988). Comedy thriller starring Arliss Howard and Suzy Amis. A young policeman learns a lesson in sex and murder when he poses as a student at a high school in an attempt to find a teacher's killer. Directed by Martha Coolidge. (Ceefax) (s) (8705)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (752291)
11.15 Late Roots. Music special (s) (583960)
11.55 Weather (399328)
12.00 FILM: Crime in the Streets (1956, b/w). The teenage leader of a ghetto gang vows to kill an informer. With James Whitmore and Sal Mineo. Directed by Don Siegel (367090). Ends at **1.35am**
2.00-4.00 Night School: British Social History (61274)

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Cutting Edge: Graham Taylor
Channel 4, 9.00pm

After the England football team's dismal showing at the 1992 European Championships, the manager, Graham Taylor, agreed to let a television crew track him at close range. He was persuaded that this fly-on-the-wall treatment would reveal the pressures and difficulties of the job. Taylor may be regretting the decision. The 18 months covered by the film were hardly glorious and culminated in England's failure to make the finals of the World Cup. The camera gives us some intimate glimpses. It follows Taylor inside the England dressing room, to the dug-out during key games and to an FA Council meeting where he has to defend the errant Paul Gascoigne. We also get samples of Taylor's surprisingly fruity language.



Gerald Edelman on neural selection (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: The Man Who Made Up His Mind
BBC2, 8.00pm

A Nobel Prize winner for his work on the immune system, the American scientist Gerald Edelman is setting out on what could be an even more significant discovery. The Neuro Sciences Institute, which he is building on the Californian coast, will be the laboratory for his potentially mould-breaking theory of how the brain works. In the conventional view the brain is an information processing machine. Edelman's "neural Darwinism" sees it less as a computer than an ecosystem of competing cells with its own process of natural selection. David Sington's lucid film suggests that the implications could be momentous for psychiatry, education and even, surprisingly, religion. But Edelman's claims have not gone unchallenged. The programme points out that scientists equally distinguished remain sceptical.

Barefoot Student Army
Channel 4, 11.00pm

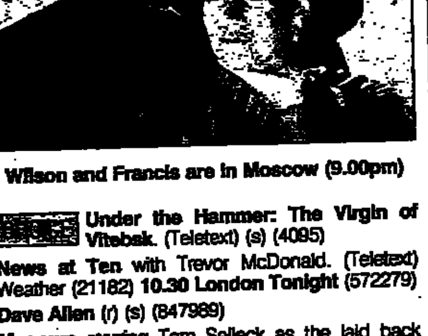
This powerful film was made by two Australian sisters during eight months spent in Burma. Sophie and Lyndal Barry went to the country in 1989. The previous year Burmese students had demonstrated against the brutal military regime. Many, perhaps thousands, were killed. The survivors retreated to the Burmese-Thai border to start an armed revolution. The Barry sisters joined them, capturing their struggle on a Video 8 camera. The students' hopes for democracy rose with multi-party elections and the emergence of Aung San Suu Kyi as a popular leader. But the elections were a sham and Aung San, later to win the Nobel peace prize, was put under house arrest. The film is a vivid portrait of an unhappy country.

Under the Hammer
ITV, 9.00pm

It may be dangerous to say so after only three episodes, but John Mortimer's auction house drama has all the makings of a long runner. We knew about Mortimer's talent for fluent, witty dialogue and smoothly carpentered plotting. But there is more than technique on parade tonight as the gently sparring art experts Maggie (Jan Francis) and Ben (Richard Wilson) journey to Moscow in search of a lost 15th-century icon. The tone is jocular, as is the Mortimer way, but Russia's ambivalence about jettisoning Communism for the free market economy has seldom been more tellingly expressed.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (923811)
9.00 Top of the Morning (6557057)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw with Shane Richie, Janet Ellis, Penny Smith, Gareth Jones and Steve Johnson (s) (6550144) **9.55 London Today** (5593415)
10.00 The Time... The Place... presented by John Stapleton (s) (7875724)
10.35 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the weekday magazine programme (61228347) **12.20 London Today** (2038637)
12.30 News (Teletext) Weather (1046182)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (s) (1021873) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (62405714)
1.55 Capital Woman. The programme looks at the menopause and in vitro fertilisation (s) (26690076)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (87927540) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (3234366)
3.20 News (7934724) **3.25 London Today** (7933095)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (7969724) **3.40 Rainbow** (7103618) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (1944786) **4.20 Harry's Mad** (s) (2852569) **4.50 Art Attack** (s) (2996705)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5136279)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (457366)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (55637)
7.00 Wish You Were Here...? Judith Chalmers tries her hand at real tennis in Scotland, John Carter plays golf in Tunisia, and Robert Powell tours New England in autumn. (Teletext) (s) (3279)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (s) (415)
8.00 Law and Disorder: One for the Album. Penelope Keith stars as barrister Phillippa Troy in the second part of a new six-part comedy series. With Simon Williams (Teletext) (2927)
8.30 World in Action: The Baby Makers. The programme explores the ethics involved in using eggs from aborted foetuses to help create test tube babies (s) (1434)

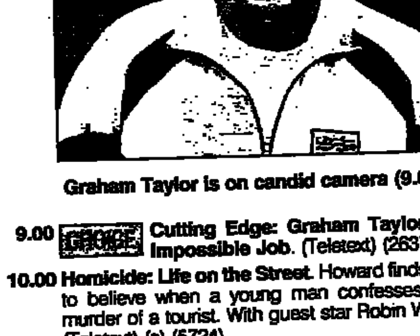


Wilson and Francis are in Moscow (9.00pm)

9.00 Under the Hammer: The Virgin of Vitebsk. (Teletext) (s) (4095)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (21182) **10.30 London Tonight** (572279)
10.40 Dave Allen (r) (s) (847989)
11.10 Magnum starring Tom Selleck as the laid back private eye (960960)
12.00 The Little Picture Show with Mariella Frostrup (88767)
1.00am Shannon's Deal (9981564)
1.50 Beyond Reality. American psychic drama series (2916293) **2.20 Nite Bites** (s) (6184309)
2.30 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (84309)
3.30 FILM: Blanchefleur – The Devil's Daughter (1989). Dark fairy tale about a young peasant who is challenged to fulfil three tasks in hell. Directed by Jesus Garcia de Duenas. Czech/German film with English dialogue (52212)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (64187)
5.30 ITN Morning News (70699)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Starcom. Space-age cartoon (r) (5396927)
7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (78637)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (90601)
9.30 Schools: Geography (6926873) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (6949724) **10.02** Science Start Here! (3232434) **10.18** World Studies: The Politics of Food (3251569) **10.40** The English Programme: Writing Non-fiction (3380637) **11.07** Time for Maths (6768540) **11.18** Mathsbook (6757892) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (5025540) **11.45** Junior Technology Designing and Making (5020095)
12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (28095)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series for the under-fives with special guest Bill Irwin (68328)
1.30 Bobobobs (r) (37231)
2.00 Homefront. American drama series following the fortunes of three families after the Second World War. Suspecting their son is not the father of Gina's baby, the Sloans force her to leave their house (s) (8527637)
2.55 Darshan – an Indian Journey. Historian Michael Wood journeys to India's sacred city, Benares, for the festival of Shivratri. He encounters poet-singers and an elderly guru welcomes him into his Calcutta ashram (r). (Teletext) (7254521)
3.55 Nature Perfected. Traditional Japanese and Chinese gardens. Narrated by Bill Travers (r). (Teletext) (4499960)
4.30 Countdown with Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (328)
5.00 The Late Late Show with Gay Byrne from Dublin (s) (3892)
6.00 The Wonder Years. Nostalgic drama looking at American life in the Seventies through the eyes of a teenager. Kevin gets a job redecorating his teacher's house (r). (Teletext) (521)
6.30 Roseanne. Cult American comedy show (r) (873)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (610705) **7.50 Comment.** (Teletext) (867415)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4499)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a barber's shop (r). (Teletext) (s) (9076)



Graham Taylor is on candid camera (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Graham Taylor – the Impossible Job. (Teletext) (2637)
10.00 Homicide: Life on the Street. Howard finds it hard to believe when a young man confesses to the murder of a tourist. With guest star Robin Williams. (Teletext) (s) (5724)
11.00 Barefoot Student Army (261231)
12.10am Let The Blood Run Free. Medical black comedy (r) (s) (2599019)
12.30 When Reason Sleeps: Out of Time starring Phyllis Logan as a woman whose life is shattered by the London Blitz (r) (25380)
1.30 Town and Country. Country music with Nanci Griffith, Albert Lee and Rodney Crowell (r) (87922). Ends at **2.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (r) **9.30** Room 101 (r) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score with Benny Green **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: English 9-11; **9.20** Infant History; **9.30** The Song Tree: Music Course 1; **9.45** Let's Move!; **10.05** History 9-11: Invaders and Settlers **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Body Talk: Ways of beating work-related stress **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Kiss Me Quick **7.15** The Sword in the Stone (6/10) **7.30** Champion Sport: Football — West Ham v Norwich **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Way Out West **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Unconsidered Trifles **9.30** Andy Kershaw **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** What Makes Them Run? See Choice **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Inspiration **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Witchbroom* **2.45** The Multitrack Sessions **3.00** News **3.15** Opera of the Week **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report Special **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop: Including Nachrichten aus Grossbritannien, Forum, Tips für Touristen **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Maestro **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Inspiration **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Brahms (Violin Concerto in D) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Musical Landscapes: Gloucestershire **8.00** Evening Concert: C.P.E. Bach (Quartet in G, Wq 95); Fanny Mendelssohn (Piano Trio in G minor); J.C. Bach (Gloria in G); Josef Strauss (Waltz, Music of the Spheres) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Anglia News and Weather (5593415) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (2038637) **1.55** A Country Practice (13013250) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (87919521) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7933095) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5136279) **6.00** Home and Away (430705) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (853163) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (572279) **10.40** Love Call (472095) **11.40** Street Legal (975927) **12.35am** Sword of Honour (2841106) **1.30** Sport AM (89380) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (84309) **3.30** The Best (2516903) **4.25** Jobfinder (2778632) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (64187)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.55** Shortland Street (13013250) **2.20** Cooking at the Academy (87919521) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3234366) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7933095) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5136279) **6.00** Home and Away (430705) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (853163) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (572279) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (984540) **12.05am** Wanted Dead or Alive (8438212) **12.40** El Dorado (30879870) **3.00** Sport AM (4834545) **3.55** Hollywood Report (83931019) **4.25** Jobfinder (4992928) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4875125)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (13013250) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (87919521) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (7933095) **6.00** HTV News (279) **6.30-7.00** Hannah USA (281) **11.10** Roadrunner (915960) **11.40** Spotlight (175540) **12.10am** Grapevine (2582729) **12.35** Sword of Honour (2841106) **1.30** Sport AM (89380) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (84309) **3.30** The Best (2516903) **4.25** Jobfinder (2778632) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (64187)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six (279) **11.10** Voyage around Africa (219873) **11.55-12.10pm** Bock Sport (656863)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (5593415) **1.55** A Country Practice (13013250) **2.20** Houseparty (87919521) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3234366) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (279) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (231) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (572279) **11.10** Business North and South (915960) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (443453) **12.05am-1.00** The Little Picture Show (1549800) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (64187)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (13013250) **2.20-2.45** Wish You Were Here...? (87935569) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (877618) **6.30-7.00** Put it in Writing (231) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News and Weather (572279) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (984540) **12.05am** Sail the World (3269800) **12.35** The Lions of St Petersburg (651941) **2.30** The New Music (84309) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (2516903) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7701354)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors (26690076) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (87918892) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (55637) **11.10** The Powers That Be (218569) **11.35** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (945786) **12.30am** My Story (4894635) **12.35** Sword of Honour (2841106) **1.30** Sport AM (89380) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (84309) **3.30** The Best (2516903) **4.25** Jobfinder (2778632) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (64187)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (5593415) **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar News and Weather (2038637) **1.55** A Country Practice (13013250) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (87935569) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (8715347) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bladale: Network North (7933095) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (877618) **6.30-7.00** Enterprize 94 (231) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (572279) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (984540) **12.05am** Sail the World (3269800) **12.35** The Lions of St Petersburg (651941) **2.30** The New Music (84309) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (2516903) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7701354)

S4C
Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (78637) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (90601) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (888989) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (28095) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (38960) **1.00** Roseanne Deliverance r (71724) **1.30** Blossom Six And Sonny (37231) **2.00** Homefront (8527637) **2.55** The Oprah Winfrey Show British Son And American Mother Reunited (6982960) **3.45** Laurel And Hardy (7948873) **4.00** Slot 23 (6960) **5.00** Batman The Penguin Goes Straight (1057) **5.30** Countdown (908) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (525347) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (427366) **6.25** Heno (851705) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4521) **7.30** Delweddau r (647) **8.00** Mr-ladron Mr- Ladron Y Barbwr (4499) **8.30** Newyddion/news (9076) **9.00** Sgorio (2637) **10.00** Brookside (29724) **10.30** Cheers (40124) **11.00** Homicide - Life On The Street: And The Rockets (608616) **11.55** Trial And Error (694540)

RADIO 3

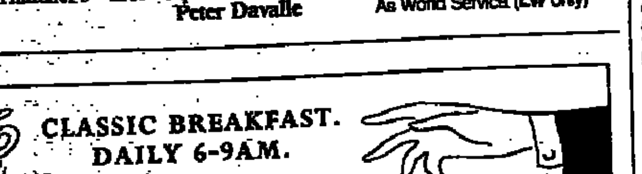
6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 1 in F, BWV 1046); Sibelius (Valse triste); Fitkin (Line); Khachaturian (Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia, Spartacus); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Op 53 No 1); Milhaud (Le boeuf sur le toit)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Josquin Desprez (Missa L'homme armé super voces musicales)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Schubert (Overture, Alfonso und Estrella); Debussy (Danse sacrée et danse profane); Howells (Weep you no more; I love all beauteous things); arr Stravinsky (The Star-Spangled Banner); Dudley Buck (Concert Variations on The Star-Spangled Banner); Copland (Lark); Weber (Symphony No 1 in C)
12.00 Angles on Puccini (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London: Joan Rodgers, soprano, Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform songs by Wolf, Fauré and Tchaikovsky
2.00 A Dutch Retrospect: Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra under Valery Gergiev performs Honegger (Pastoral d'été); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor: Alexander Toradze); Ravel (Boléro)
3.20 Crusell: Clarinet Concerto in F minor, Op 5 (Hakan Rosengren; Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra under Okko Kamu)
3.45 Elizabethan Words and Music: Musical settings and readings of poetry by Thomas Campion
4.30 A Different Rhythm, presented by Alex Pascall
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson joins a Chinese orchestra and music school
5.15 In Tune: Chopin (Waltz in A, Op 34 No 1); Mozart (Come scoglio, Così fan tutte); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D, Classical); Jonathan Harvey (Come, Holy Ghost)
7.30 Ikons: Live from Westminster Cathedral, Eileen Hulse and Patricia Rozario, sopranos; BBC Singers; BBC SO under Richard Hickox perform John Tavener (In Alium, Ultimos Ritos)
9.00 The Building Blocks of Science: A tour of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh
9.20 Pascal Rogé, piano, plays Debussy (Images, Book II); Mozart (Piano Sonata in B flat, K333); Debussy (Preludes, Book I)
10.45 Mixing It
11.30 Music Restored: Susan Sheppard and Sebastian Comberti, cellos, John Toll, harpsichord, perform Boccherini (Sonata No 11 in E flat; Duet in D, Op 10 No 3); Schetky (Harpsichord Sonata No 2; Duet in F); Lenzetti (Sonata in C, Op 2 No 1)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.40** Bombs, Booze and Barrack Rooms; Peter Dixon recalls children's Saturday morning pictures **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg
10.00-10.30 Questions of Taste (FM only): Chris Kelly with Anthony Worral Thompson, Jennifer Paterson, Oz Clarke and Robert Carrier
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from St German's Church, Cardiff
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Luke (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour celebrates Australian women writers. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm My Music, chaired by Steve Race. John Amis and Frank Muir challenge Ian Wallace and Denis Norden **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Under Milk Wood: First broadcast on January 25, 1954, Dylan Thomas's "play for voices" stars Richard Burton and Richard Bebb in a shortened version of the first production (r)
3.00 Three Actors in Search of a Character: Marilyn Monroe. John Florance talks to Miranda Richardson, Stephanie Lawrence and Sandra Dickinson (r)
3.30 In Excess: Homo Erectus. Armando Iannucci explores our seemingly sex-obsessed society (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the talent and self-destructive lifestyle of Billie Holiday
4.45 Short Story: Clarissa Finds the Way, by Susan Schmidt. Read by Lorelei King
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute, chaired by Nicholas Parsons (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Return of the Prodigal. See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, presented by Heather Payton **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Better Class of Person. Peter Egan reads John Osborne's autobiography (6/10)
11.00 This Island Now: The Shed. Ray Gosling visits the once-proud preserve of British manhood (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

The Return of the Prodigal. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
I nodded my concurrence with the announcer who, at the end of St John Hankin's play, named the actors first and the characters they play second. The acting, without exception, is first class. The play might also have been considered first class back in 1905, but it has dated rather badly and the *dramatis personae* come over now as so many sub-Wildean ciphers. Timothy Watson plays the ne'er-do-well who bests his go-getting father and brother.

What Makes Them Run? *World Service, 10.00am.*
All the big political names. Michael Diamond talks to in his fortuitously topical programme about the lure of Westminster, have a reputation for frank speaking, he says. Alan Clark, for one, does not mince his words: "There are no true friends in politics. We're all sharks, circling, waiting for traces of blood to appear in the water." The others use more prosaic language. They include Ken Livingstone, Clare Short, Denis Healey and *The Times*'s very own Peter Riddell. John Major's and Baroness Thatcher's first experiences of Westminster do not tally.
Peter Davalle



SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (89718540) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7933453) **9.10** Cartoons (2655989) **9.30** Card Sharks (92182) **9.55** Concentration (9598347) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6710502) **10.30** Love at First Sight (62453) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (26298) **12.00** Urban Peasant (53705) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (86958) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (91453) **2.00** Hollywood Wives (69415) **3.00** Another World (6349927) **3.45** DJ Kat (2932434) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (4540) **6.00** Games World (1973) **6.30** Paradise Beach (1705) **7.00** M*A*S*H (2569) **7.30** Rescue (7989) **8.00** The Far Pavilions: Second of a three-part mini series (30366) **10.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (19873) **11.00** Untouchables (69273) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (70859) **1.00am** Night Court (44944) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (22729)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (84873) **9.30** 60 Minutes (49521) **11.30** Japan Business (37347) **12.30pm** News and Business (66057) **1.30** CBS News (67786) **2.30** Parliament (21637) **3.30** Parliament (25298) **4.30** News and Business (7502) **5.00** Live at Five (540778) **7.30** Special Report (8231) **9.30** Talkback (81076) **11.30** CBS News (72724) **12.30am** ABC News (70854) **1.30** Special Report (29922) **2.30** Travel (73380) **3.30** Talkback (85125) **4.30** Special Report (48545) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (47011)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5150705)
10.00 Pieces of Dreams (1991) A priest and a social worker fall in love (74786)
12.00 From Hell to Victory (1979): A group of friends find their lives torn apart by war. With George Peppard (73618)
2.00pm Oh God! (1977): God (George Burns) chooses supermarket manager John Denver to spread the word (33453)
4.00 The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1969): Accident-prone soldier Paul Newman is sent on a rescue mission (8144)
6.00 Once Upon a Crime (1992) An American couple attempt to return a lost dachshund. With Sean Young (20989)
8.00 Nothing But Trouble (1991): Chevy Chase and Demi Moore are tried by monstrous judge Dan Aykroyd (38564250)
9.40 UK Top Ten (869182)
10.00 Only the Lonely (1991): Romantic comedy with John Candy (366786)
11.45 Rage and Honor (1992): Martial arts drama with Cynthia Rothrock (121095)
1.25am Foxy Lady: Erotic drama (752545)
3.00 Bruce Lee: Martial Arts Master. Documentary about Bruce Lee (9764274)
3.55 Night Gallery (1969): Three supernatural shorts (54073477). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Lifeboat (1944, b/w). Tense Alfred Hitchcock yarn about shipwreck survivors adrift during the war (15095)
8.00 Cool Hand Luke (1967): Paul Newman is a prisoner on a chain gang (49734873)
10.10 Deadly Blessing (1981). Wes Craven horror film about a woman terrorised by a religious cult (564366). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Fort Massacre (1958, b/w). A cavalry sergeant leads his men to safety after an Indian attack. With Joel McCrea (42569)
8.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (1987): Children's story (81637)
10.00 My Gun Is Quick (1957, b/w): Robert Bray stars as Mickey Spillane's hard-nosed detective Mike Hammer (72328)
12.00 Lightning Strikes Twice (1951, b/w): A woman doubts her lover's innocence after he is cleared of murdering his wife (64960)
2.00pm Fort Dobbs (1958, b/w): A cowboy battles to clear his name (31095)
4.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (as 8am) (6123237)
5.25 The Making of Mrs Doubtfire: The new Robin Williams film (7266811)
6.00 Bravestarr: The Legend (1986): Animated space western (11231)
8.00 Blue Ice (1992): Michael Caine is caught up in a murder plot (23076)
10.00 Child of Rage (1992): Foster parents discover the horrifying truth about their adoptive daughter's early life (908453)
11.35 Psycho IV: The Beginning (1990): Henry Thomas is the young Bates (128453)
1.15am Far Out Man (1990): Tommy Chong searches for his hippy girlfriend (594635)

2.45 Ghost Story (1981): Four aging men exchange ghost stories. With Fred Astaire (704564). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (30415) **7.30** Drag Racing (42250) **8.00** World Sports (69453) **8.30** Golf (91434) **9.30** Rugby League (92637) **11.30** Australian Open Tennis (9423250) **5.00pm** Snowboarding (6163) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractors (4298) **6.00** Soccer News (249540) **6.15** WWF Challenge (935366) **7.00** Football: West Ham v Norwich (61260279) **10.15** Soccer News (738250) **10.30** Australian Open (368540) **1.00-3.00am** Football (as 7pm) (65187)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (44618) **8.00** Figure Skating (25095) **10.00** Skiing (83521) **12.00** Biathlon (93908) **1.00pm** Luge (79328) **2.00** Figure Skating (60521) **4.00** Eurofun (9502) **4.30** Ice Hockey (87231) **5.30** Football: Arena League (77328) **6.30** News (2601) **7.00** Car Racing on Ice (72366) **8.00** Stock Car Racing (58786) **9.00** Boxing (61250) **10.00** Eurogoals (71637) **11.00** Eurogolf (34231) **12.00-12.30am** News (33106)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1199502) **7.30** Neighbours (1118637) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7047618) **8.30** EastEnders (7046989) **9.00** The Bill (7060569) **9.30** Nanny (6231521) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (6676076) **11.30** The Sullivans (7122434) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7040705) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9325250) **1.00** EastEnders (1198873) **1.30** The Bill (9324521) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality (5976144) **2.30** Shelley (1254811) **3.00** Dallas (7126250) **4.00** The Colbys (7842328) **4.55** Blankety Blank (57508540) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (62176521) **5.55** Sykes (1273927) **6.30** EastEnders (1246892) **7.00** Nanny (3655298) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality (5998908) **8.30** Shelley (5975415) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (3644182) **10.00** The Bill (7041434) **10.30** The Young Ones (2988873) **11.10** Top of the Pops (6402415) **11.55** Dr Who (5062340) **12.25am** FILM: Requiescant (1968): A young man avenges his gunslinger father's death. With Lou Castel (8665212) **2.25-7.00** Shopping (95154869)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00 RatKan II (56219) **6.30** Bobobobs (19521) **7.00** Bears Island (3330328) **7.20** Dogtanian (384095) **7.45** Pugwall (383366) **8.15** Head to Head (8229144) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (91304) **9.00** Droopee (10260) **11.00** RatKan II (71163) **11.30** Bobobobs (72892) **12.00** Bears Island (8314163) **12.20pm** Dogtanian (998076) **12.45** Pugwall (998347) **1.15** Head to Head (55403076) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (20076) **2.00** Madeline (7811) **2.30** Cupido (1047366) **2.45** Babar (901811) **3.15** RatKan II (6900724) **3.20** Baby Follies (6336989) **3.40** Rude Dog (4342521) **3.55** Head to Head (8058076) **4.00** Soldier (6434) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (2518)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (38057) **7.20** Guts (40692) **8.00** Rugrats (67095) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (66366) **9.00** Out of Control (57618) **9.30** Kablooey (76231) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (37186) **10.30** We All Have Tales (46502) **11.00** Cartoons (37705) **11.30** Wild Side (38494) **12.00** Bananas (80182) **12.30pm** David the Gnome (87347) **1.00** Storytime (37328) **1.30** Eureeka (18434) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (1724) **3.00** Cartoon Special (2960) **3.30** Speed Racer (3589) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2076) **4.30** Get the Picture (1960) **5.00** Clarissa (4705) **5.30** Guts (5540) **6.00** Rugrats (2453) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (3705)

DISCOVERY
4.00 Nature by Profession (7143927) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (5998366) **5.30** Terra X (1263569) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (4181231) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1051057) **7.00** Fastest Men (6978502) **7.30** Spirit of Survival (1240618) **8.00** Secret Intelligence (3622960) **9.00** Going Places (3642724) **10.00** Search for Adventure (3645811) **11.00-12.00** Wild South (1106892)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7095873) **12.30pm** FILM: Adam and Evelyne (1949, b/w): Gambler Stewart Granger adopts a girl (16112076) **2.15** FILM: Dangerous Moonlight (1941, b/w): A pianist joins the RAF (8402811) **3.45** Art Linkletter (14143250) **4.00** The Flying Nun (1230231) **4.30** My Three Sons (1236415) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (5985892) **5.30** Donny and Marie (1250095) **6.00** I Spy (8335637) **7.00** Cannon (3640366) **8.00** FILM: Two Left Feet (1965): Michael Crawford fails to seduce Nyree Dawn Porter (59858521) **9.45** 1965 Styles (4848434) **10.00** FILM: Las Vegas Shakedown (1955): Dennis O'Keefe runs an honest gambling house (1667279) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (5659704)

UK LIVING
7.00 Living Highlights (3858811) **8.00** Health UK (9143502) **8.30** Rendezvous (9142873) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (7976637) **10.00** Dr Ruth (3330057) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (8970502) **11.30** Delia Smith (3675328) **12.00** Stars and Signs (61977927) **12.15pm** Practical Living (80195778) **12.30** Divorce Court (6042705) **1.00** On the House (7382637) **1.30** Rendezvous (6041076) **2.00** Agony Hour (3331786) **3.00** Living (8651163) **3.45** Gladrags (36815347) **4.00** Definition (7828873) **4.30** Infatuation (7824057) **5.00** Music Quest (5611366) **5.30** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8252163) **5.45** Kilroy (4286618) **6.30** Ken Hom (7829602) **7.00** Definition (5691502) **7.30** That's Amor (7825786) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (5192786) **9.00** FILM: Touched by Love (1980): A girl with cerebral palsy writes to Elvis Presley (5195873) **11.00** That's Amor (3699908) **11.30** Infatuation (3369569) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3812019)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (8163) **5.30** Zorro (6298) **6.00** Where I Live (6811) **6.30** Catchphrase (7163) **7.00** Pyramid Game (8927) **7.30** Clued up (3347) **8.00** Altogether Now (4347) **8.30** GP (6182) **9.00** Lou Grant (22714) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (12569) **10.30** Rhoda (98989) **11.00** Remington (49250) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (34075)

MTV
6.00 Wild Side (736347) **9.00** VJ Ingo (499927) **12.00** Greatest Hits (42298) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (510076) **3.30** The Report (4355095) **3.45** At the Movies (4343250) **4.00** News (7599298) **4.15** 3 from 1 (7572521) **4.30** Dial MTV (4076) **5.00** Hit List UK (94163) **7.00** In Search of Madonna (7057) **7.30** Madonna: The Girlie Show (5705) **8.00** Music Non-Stop (98328) **9.00** Greatest Hits (22732) **10.00** The Report (524144) **10.15** At the Movies (552927) **10.30** News at Night (389521) **10.45** 3 from 1 (384076) **11.00** Rock Block (68569) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (15583) **2.00** Videos (9061699)

TV ASIA
6.00 Persian Dawn (68415) **7.00** Regional News (34328) **7.30** Asian Morning (48163) **8.00** Hindi News (41809) **8.30** Urdu News (1501182) **8.45** English News (1508637) **9.00** Serial (56273) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (478811) **1.00pm** Serial (66927) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Juari (379076) **4.30** Kiddie Time (9144) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (4724) **7.00** Face to Face (4569) **7.30** BBCD (9989) **8.00** English News (943569) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Dharam Aur Kanoon (39060873) **11.15** Cheers Mook (167811) **12.05am** Five Past (2899651) **1.35** Sight and Sound (37369903)

TNT
Tonight's Theme: Sky Guys
7.00 The Wings of Eagles (1957): John Wayne stars as a navy pilot (83428693)
9.00 Fighter Squadron (1948): Edmond O'Brien in a wartime drama (78449724)
10.45 Captains of the Clouds (1942): James Cagney joins the air force (83983219)
1.00am Flight Command (1940, b/w). Robert Taylor tries to make the grade in a naval squadron (45996477)
3.15 Secret Service of the Air (1939, b/w): A commercial pilot (Ronald Reagan) joins military intelligence (72631125). Ends at **4.20**

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Power generators meet Offer to head off MMC enquiry

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE men running the two biggest power generators in England and Wales will go before the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer) this week in a last bid to halt a reference of their businesses to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

If they fail, an MMC enquiry would have to decide whether National Power and the smaller PowerGen are exploiting their share of more than half that market, an outcome the regulator, the generators and their big industrial customers are all keen to avoid.

But despite some optimism in the City, which has driven their shares higher in recent weeks, and on the part of industry sources themselves at the weekend, the situation is thought to be too close to call. One analyst privately offered odds of five to one against a monopolies reference, although a few others are more sceptical. The companies themselves have in the past indicated they believe they can reach the necessary accommodation with Professor Stephen Littlechild at Offer.

Even the Major Energy Users' Council, which has long campaigned against what it claims are too high energy prices, has said it would prefer a proper negotiated settlement on the price of electricity in the "pool," the open market for power.

Offer insisted last week the various parties were still talking, but an initial mid-January deadline has been missed, and while Offer sources were hopeful agreement could be reached by the end of this week, this is by no means certain.

☐ The power producers are struggling to avert a possible probe and eventual break-up of their industry that all the parties involved say can be avoided, but the time to reach a deal with the industry regulator is running out

Professor Littlechild will come under increasing pressure to reach a deal with the generators. But he is thought to be insisting he be granted undertakings over prices and other matters in return. A straight decision to keep the structure of the industry intact, some observers believe, would look too much like a climb-down and would have to be balanced by concessions from the power producers.

The generators themselves are keen that the issue be resolved, rather than be left to hang over the industry. In this they find common cause with the Government. Both parties would want the earliest possible sale of the Government's 40 per cent of the two companies, retained when they were privatised in March 1991.

For the Government, the sale would bring in a much-needed boost of £4 billion to the public exchequer at current market prices. A sell-off had been expected some time this summer, although sources now indicate the Treasury may be blowing cold again. Directors of the generators, while prepared privately to accept the need for some undertakings, are in return expecting some form of reassurance from the regulator that he will not reconsider a monopoly reference in due course, not least because the sale of the government stakes would require a prospectus that they would themselves have to sign off giving some guarantees of their companies' future financial health. The precise wording of that is one of the three remaining matters thought to be in dispute.

The other two relate to the actual undertakings that are being asked of the generators. One would be over the price at which power is supplied to the big users, the other over the sale of power stations to allow other parties into the market. Both raise difficult questions for the directors over how much shareholder value they can negotiate away.

National Power now operates a third of the generating capacity in England and Wales and PowerGen a quarter. Those market shares have been decreasing rapidly as nuclear power has increased its share while independent producers have also moved in. National Power on privatisation had more than half, while PowerGen in a recent speech to the industry said its share would drop further to 22 per cent over the next five years.

While those figures apparently confirm the generators' stance that power production, once a virtual duopoly, is increasingly open to the forces of competition, they have further work to do to persuade Professor Littlechild that the process is continuing quickly enough.

Chairman and three co-directors prepare to bow out

Lonrho set for board reshuffle

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

SPECULATION is mounting that Lonrho, the international trading conglomerate led by Tiny Rowland and Dieter Bock, will reveal a major boardroom reshuffle when it discloses its 1992-93 results tomorrow.

Word had it last month that four of Lonrho's directors, including chairman Rene Leclezio, are expected to retire during the current year although Lonrho refrained from clarifying the situation.

Mr Bock, Lonrho's largest shareholder with an 18.8 per cent stake, is understood to have pressed for an alteration in the company's articles which would herald the introduction of a compulsory retirement age of 65.

Mr Rowland, in turn, is understood to have made much of the fact that any change in Lonrho's articles requires a 75 per cent majority vote, while any resignation requires a unanimous board vote. In the event, Mr Rowland is understood to have insisted last month that any resignation would only be accepted at the "behest" of a director.

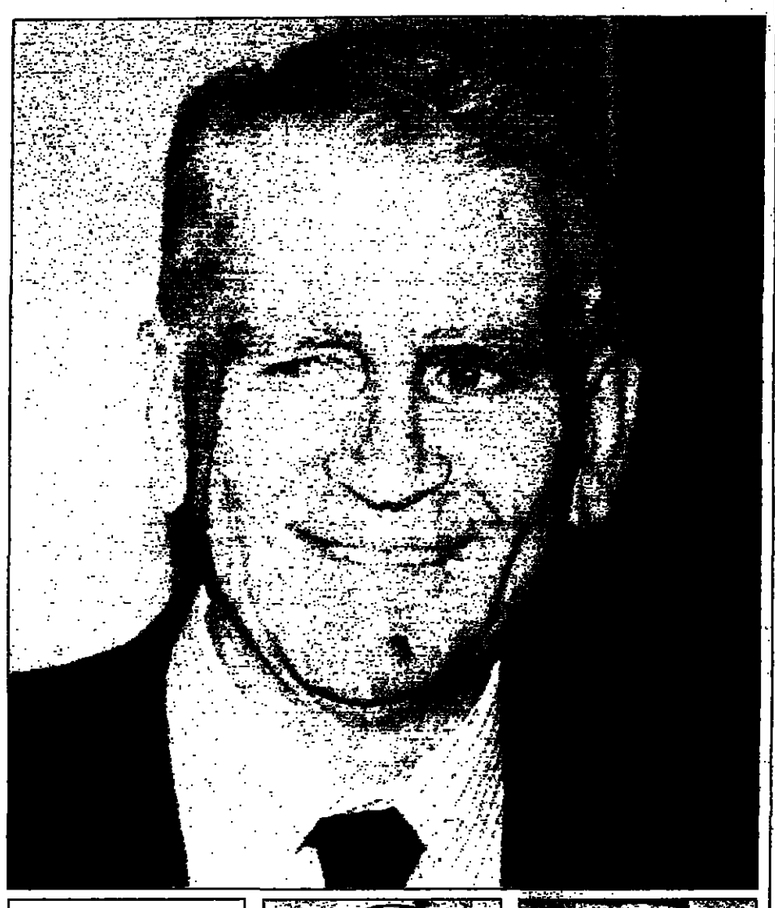
Mr Leclezio, who succeeded Sir Edward Du Cann as chairman, and co-director Sir Peter Youens, are both in their 70s and are thus expected to bow out later this year, along with co-deputy chairmen Robert Dunlop and Paul Spicer, both in their mid-sixties.

All the same, departures from Lonrho's Cheapside HQ are not necessarily imminent, with the reorganisation expected to stretch well into the 1993-94 financial year to end-September.

Mr Leclezio may conceivably choose to preside over Lonrho's agm, scheduled for March but, whatever the timing of his retirement, Lonrho's board will clearly have to appoint a new chairman. An outside appointment cannot be ruled out but, in view of the appointment of Peter Harper, Stephen Walls and Sir John Leahy as non-executive directors last October, Mr Rowland and Mr Bock may well favour an in-house solution.

Mr Bock and Mr Rowland have played out a corporate power struggle for the best part of a year but, against this background, Lonrho's share price has more than doubled from a 1993-94 low of 70p to 146p. Tomorrow's results are expected to show a significant profit recovery from 1991-92's depressed levels.

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Lonrho team: Rene Leclezio, top, Sir Peter Youens, left, Paul Spicer and Robert Dunlop

Independent waits on MGN rescue bid

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

PROPOSALS for a rescue takeover bid, mounted by a consortium created around Mirror Goup Newspapers, are expected to be put to the board of Newspaper Publishing, proprietor of *The Independent*, today.

Major European shareholders in Newspaper Publishing, La Repubblica and El Pais, each with an 18.6 per cent stake, are understood to favour a deal with MGN, other parties in the bidding consortium being Andreas Whittam Smith, founder editor of *The Independent*, and co-directors Adrian O'Neill and Matthew Symonds.

Mr Whittam Smith, who has held discussions with various interested parties in recent weeks, is expected to present Newspaper Publishing's board, led by Ian Hay Davison, with details today but swift agreement is by no means assured.

Mr Davison, along with chief executive Patrick Morrissey and Sir Kit McMahon, a non-executive director, are intent on achieving the best price for the company's institutional shareholders.

Mr Davison and his colleagues are understood to take the view that Newspaper Publishing, with an annual revenue of £80 million, is worth a minimum of £60 million: the equivalent of £3 per share. Speculation has it, however, that David Montgomery, chief executive of MGN, favours terms of between £2 and £2.50, particularly in view of the ongoing scale of capital investment. If the rescue bid is successful, the Italian and Spanish publishers will emerge with a shade over 50 per cent of Newspaper Publishing and MGN with a maximum of 40 per cent, the remainder going to the Whittam Smith camp.

Such developments may well prompt counter proposals from other interested parties, the favourite being Tony O'Reilly, chairman of the Dublin-based Independent Newspapers.

Mr O'Reilly has expressed interest in acquiring a stake of 25-30 per cent and is believed to be seeking a potential partner. Lord Hollick, chairman of MAI, which recently launched a £290 million takeover bid for Anglia TV, is perceived as a possible candidate.

Northwest passage to $500m

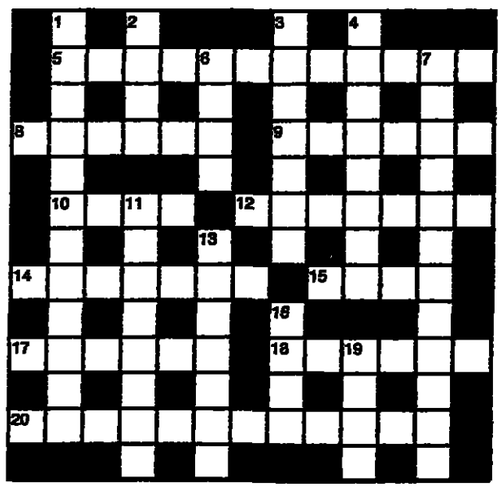
FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

TWO American businessmen are facing one of the biggest windfalls in corporate history. Their joint profit from the reflotation of Northwest Airlines could approach half a billion dollars.

Alfred Checchi is poised for a near 25-fold profit of $242 million from the money put into his latest venture, started four years ago. Mr Checchi, a former Marriott hotels executive, will reap the windfall when Northwest Airlines re-floats on the stock market. In line for an equal profit is Gary Wilson, an ex-Marriott colleague and a former Walt Disney finance director, although neither can sell their holding for another four years. The two men took Northwest private in a $3.6 billion management buyout in 1989. But that move saddled Northwest with so much debt that it was only saved from filing for the protection of the bankruptcy courts last year by $886 million of union wage concession and banks' willingness to extend repayments on $4.53 billion of long term debt.

The original investment by Mr Checchi and Mr Wilson has been estimated at $10 million each, although Northwest has declined to comment. But under the terms of the flotation to raise between $400 million and $460 million, each of them will get shares valued at $242 million.

The expected float price is $20 a share. But analysts say they could still think themselves lucky to get it away at $17, given that Northwest is coming to market with a negative book value of $48.70 per share and shareholders' equity of minus $1.96 billion.



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ACROSS

5 Overindulgence (12)
8 Long metal pin for meat (6)
9 Associate; socialise (6)
10 Lebanese port; rubber product (4)
12 One following a trail (7)
14 Flightless black/white fish-eating bird (7)
15 Warm and cosy (4)
17 Burgeon; vegetable (6)
18 Naked (6)
20 Sudden dramatic advance (12)

DOWN

1 Gloved fielder (6-6)
2 Store (luggage, cargo) (4)
3 Italian city; type of fowl (7)
4 Fortified gate-tower (8)
6 Roman war-god (4)
7 Design of ballet movements (12)
11 Relating to major areas of country (8)
13 Speak text for typing (7)
16 Soft accent; rough edge after drilling (4)
19 Social or sporting association (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 69

ACROSS: 4 Bee 8 Undergo 9 Bravo 10 Maybe 11 Sincere 12 Gumption 14 Pour 15 Dove 16 Original 20 Cartoon 21 Elgin 23 Mecca 24 Lattice 25 Lee

DOWN: 1 Nutmeg 2 Edgy 3 Arrest 4 Bob's your uncle 5 Ebony 6 Cape Town 7 Honest 13 Maverick 15 Decamp 17 Ghetto 18 Lintel 19 Coral 22 Gait

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is taken from the game Gurevich - Hennigan, at the Hastings Premier tournament, 1993.

The white king has been stripped bare and is at the mercy of the black forces. However, it is White's move and he gets in first. How does he do it?

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VERATRINE
a. Glasslike
b. A poisonous alkaloid
c. An uncanonical creed

HAYWARD
a. The stackyard
b. Towards the east
c. A town officer

WOW-WOW
a. An Ayrshire expression of pleasure
b. A Chinese nanny
c. A silver gibbon

INCHPIN
a. A floating hinge
b. The target at curling
c. Sweetbreads of a deer

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OFT seeks views on TV airtime

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Office of Fair Trading will this week hear from the TV industry just how much work should be done to unwind the complex web of ownership of airtime sales operations that is delaying the £735 million takeover bid by Granada Group for LWT (Holdings), the London weekend broadcaster.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, ruled late last week that the bid could proceed providing undertakings came from Granada to reduce the combined companies' 41 per cent of Channel 3 airtime sales.

Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, has already indicated willingness to comply with whatever the OFT judges to be necessary. The OFT has this week to ask the TV industry what it should demand, and Granada will therefore probably learn of its decision early next month, allowing the bid clock to be restarted in a fortnight. LWT is thought to have asked for this to happen immediately, and the Takeover Panel could rule on this today, but any decision is not expected to be in LWT's favour.

One option — most advantageous to Granada — would be to require it to operate Laser and the Time Exchange, the two main airtime sales businesses in which the company and LWT participate, as autonomous companies. But the OFT may require some unwinding of their ownership.

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